EMPEROR OF THE MOON: A FARCE.

As it is Acted by Their

Majesties Servants,

AT THE

QUEENS THEATRE.

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TO THE
Lord Marquess
OF
VVORCESTER, &c.

MY LORD,

IT is a common Notion, that gathers as it goes, and is almost become a vulgar Error, That Dedications in our Age, are only the effects of Flattery, a form of Complement, and no more; so that the Great, to whom they are only due, decline those Noble Patronages that were so generally allow'd the Ancient Poets; since the Awful Custom has been so scandaliz'd by mistaken Addresses, and many a worthy Piece is lost for want of some Honourable Protection, and sometimes many indifferent ones traverse the World with that advantagious Pasport only.

This humble Offering, which I presume to lay at your Lordship's Feet, is of that Critical Nature, that it does not only require the Patronage of a great Title, but of a great Man too, and there is often times a vast difference between those two great Things; and amongst all the most Elevated, there are but very few in whom an illustrious Birth and equal Parts compleat the Hero; but among those, your Lordship bears the first Rank, from a just Claim, both of the Glories of your Race and Vertues. Nor need we look back into long past Ages, to bring down to ours the Magnanimous deeds of your Ancestors: We need no more than to behold (what we have so often done with wonder) those of the Great Duke of Beauford, *your Illustrious Father, whose every single Action is a glorious and lasting President to all the future Great; whose unshaken Loyalty, and all other eminent Vertues, have rendred him to us, something more than Man, and which alone, deserving a whole Volume, won'd be here but to lessen his Fame, to mix his Grandeurs with*

those of any other; and while I am addressing to the Son, who is only worthy of that Noble Blood he boasts, and who gives the World a Prospect of those coming Gallantries that will Equal those of his Glorious Father; already, My Lord, all you say and do is admir'd, and every touch of your Pen reverenc'd; the Excellency and Quickness of your Wit, is the Subject that fits the World most agreeably. For my own part, I never presume to contemplate your Lordship, but my Soul bows with a perfect Veneration to your mighty Mind; and while I have ador'd the delicate Effects of your uncommon Wit, I have wish'd for nothing more than an Opportunity of expressing my infinite Sense of it; and this Ambition, my Lord, was one Motive of my present Presumption in the Dedicating this Farce to your Lordship.

I am sensible, my Lord, how far the Word Farce might have offended some, whose Titles of Honour, a Knack in dressing, or his Art in writing a Billet Deux, had been his chiefest Talent, and who, without considering the Intent, Character, or Nature of the thing, wou'd have cry'd out upon the Language, and have damn'd it (because the Persons in it did not all talk like Hero's) as too debas'd and vulgar to entertain a Man of Quality; but I am secure from this Censure, when your Lordship shall be its Judge, whose refin'd Sence, and Delicacy of Judgment, will, thro' all the humble Actions and trivialness of Business, find Nature there, and that Diversion which was not meant for the Numbers, who comprehend nothing beyond the Show and Buffoonry.

A very barren and thin hint of the Plot I had from the Italian, and which, even as it was, was acted in France *eighty odd times without intermission. 'Tis now much alter'd, and adapted to our English Theatre and Genius, who cannot find an Entertainment at so cheap a Rate as the French will, who are content with almost any Incoherences, howsoever shuffled together under the Name of a Farce; which I have endeavour'd as much as the thing wou'd bear, to bring within the compass of Possibility and Nature, that I might as little impose upon the Audience as I cou'd; all the Words are wholly new, without one from the Original. 'Twas calculated for His late Majesty of Sacred Memory, that Great*

Patron

Patron of Noble Poetry, and the Stage, for whom the Muses must for ever mourn, and whose Loss, only the Blessing of so Illustrious a Successor can ever repair; and 'tis a great Pity to see that best and most useful Diversion of Mankind, whose Magnificence of old, was the most certain sign of a flourishing State, now quite undone by the Misapprehension of the Ignorant, and Miss-representings of the Envious, which evidently shows the World is improv'd in nothing but Pride Ill Nature, and affected Nicety; and the only Diversion of the Town now, is high Dispute, and publick Controversies in Taverns, Coffee-houses, &c. and those things which ought to be the greatest Mysteries in Religion, and so rarely the Business of Discourse, are turn'd into Ridicule, and look but like so many fanatical Stratagems to ruine the Pulpit as well as the Stage. The Defence of the first is left to the Reverend Gown, but the departing Stage can be no otherwise restor'd, but by some leading Spirits, so Generous, so Publick, and so Indefatigable as that of your Lordship, whose Patronages are sufficient to support it, whose Wit and Judgment to defend it, and whose Goodness and Quality to justifie it; such Encouragement would inspire the Poets with new Arts to please, and the Actors with Industry. 'Twas this that occasion'd so many Admirable Plays heretofore, as Shakespear's, Fletcher's, *and* Johnson's, *and 'twas this alone that made the Town able to keep so many Play-houses alive, who now cannot supply one. However, my Lord, I, for my part, will no longer complain, if this Piece find but favour in your Lordship's Eyes, and that it can be so happy to give your Lordship one hours Diversion, which is the only Honour and Fame is wish'd to crown all the Endeavours of,*

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most Humble, and

Most Obedient

Servant,

A. Behn.

PROLOGUE

Spoken by Mr. *Fevern*.

LOng, and at vaſt Expence the induſtrious Stage
Has ſtrove to pleaſe a dull ungrateful Age:
With Hero's and with Gods we firſt began,
And thunder'd to you in Heroick Strain.
Some dying Love-ſick Queen each Night you injoy'd,
And with Magnificence, at laſt were cloy'd:
Our Drums and Trumpets frighted all the Women;
Our fighting fear'd the *Beaux* and *Biles Deux* Men.
So Spark in an Intrigue of Quality,
Grows weary of his ſplendid Drudgery;
Hates the Fatigue, and cries a Pox upon her,
What a damn'd battle's here with Love and Honour.
In humbler Comedy, we next appear,
No Fop or Cuckold, but ſlap-dash we had him here;
We ſhow'd you all, but you malicious grown,
Friends Vices to expoſe, and hide your own;
Cry, Damn it——— This is ſuch, or ſuch a one,
Yet hetled, Plague, What do's the Scribler mean?
With his damn'd Characters, and Plot obſcene.
No Woman without Vizard in the Nation,
Can ſee it twice, and keep her Reputation——that's certain
Forgetting———
That he himſelf, in every groſs Lampoon,
Her lewder Secrets ſpread about the Town;
Whil'ſt their feign'd Niceneſs is but cautious Fear,
Their own Intrigues ſhou'd be unravel'd here.
Our next Recourſe was dwindling down to Farce,
Then—Zounds, what Stuff's here? 'tis all o're my———
Well, Gentlemen, ſince none of theſe has ſped,
'Gad, we have bought a ſhare i'th ſpeaking Head.
So there you'l ſave a Sice,
You love Good Husbandry in all but Vice;
Whoring and Drinking, only bears a Price.

The

The Head rises upon a twisted Post, on a Bench from under the Stage. After Jevern *speaks to it's Mouth.*

Oh!——Oh!——Oh!

Stentor Oh!——Oh!——Oh!

After this it sings Sawny, *Laughs, crys God bless the King in order.*

Stentor Answers. Speak lowder *Jevern*, if you'd have me repeat;
Plague of this Rogue, he will betray the Cheat.

He speaks lowder, it answers indirectly.

——Hum——There 'tis again,
Pox of your Echo with a Northern Strain.
Well,——This will be but a nine days wonder too;
There's nothing lasting but the Puppets Show.
What Ladies heart so hard, but it wou'd move,
To hear *Philander* and *Irene*'s Love.
Those Sisters too, the scandalous Wits do say,
Two nameless, keeping *Beaux*, have made so gay;
But those Amours are perfect Sympathy,
Their Gallants being as meer Machines as they.
Oh! how the City Wife, with her nown Ninny,
Is charm'd with, Come into my Coach——Mis *Jinny*, Mis *Jinny*.
But overturning——*Frible* crys——Adznigs,
The jogling Rogue has murther'd all his Kids.
The Men of War cry Pox on't, this is dull,
We are for rough Sports,——Dog Hector, and the Bull.
Thus each in his degree, Diversion finds,
Your Sports are suited to your mighty Minds;
Whilst so much Judgment in your Choice you show,
The Puppets have more Sence than some of you.

PER-

Persons Names.

Doctor Baliardo, Mr. *Underhill.*
Scaramouch, *his Man.* Mr. *Lee.*
Pedro, *his Boy.*
Don Cinthio, Don Charmante, *both Nephews to the Vice-Roy, and Lovers of* Elaria *and* Bellemante. } Young Mr. *Powel.* / Mr. *Mumford.*
Harlequin, Cinthio's *Man.* Mr. *Jevern.*
Officer and Clark.
Elaria, *Daughter to the* Doctor. Mrs. *Cooke.*
Bellemante, *Niece to the* Doctor. } Mrs. *Mumford.*
Mopsophil *Governante to the young Ladies.* } Mrs. *Cory.*
The Persons in the Moon, are Don Cinthio, *Emperor;* Don Charmante, *Prince of* Thunderland.
Their Attendants, Persons that represent the Court Cards.
Keeplair *and* Gallileus, *two Philosophers.*
Twelve Persons representing the Figures of the twelve Signs of the Zodiack.
Negroes, and Persons that Dance.
Musick, Kettle-Drums, and Trumpets.

The SCENE, NAPLES.

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ACT I. SCENE I.

A Chamber.

Enter Elaria *and* Mopsophil.

I.

A Curse upon that faithless Maid,
Who first her Sexes Liberty betrayed;
Born free as Man to Love and Range,
Till Nobler Nature did to Custom change.
Custom, that dull excuse for Fools,
Who think all Vertue to consist in Rules.

II.

From Love our Fetters never sprung,
That smiling God, all wanton Gay and Young,
Shows by his Wings he cannot be
Confined to a restless Slavery;
But here and there at random roves,
Not fixt to glittering Courts or shady Groves.

Than she that Constancy Profest,
Was but a well dissembler at the best;
And that imaginary sway
She feigned to give, in seeming to obey,
Was but the height of Prudent Art,
To deal with greater liberty her heart.

[*After the Song* Elaria *gives her Lute to* Mopsophil.

Ela. This does not divert me:
Nor nothing will, till *Scaramouch* return,
And bring me News of *Cinthio.*

Mop. Truly I was so sleepy last Night, I know nothing of the adventure, for which you are kept so close a Prisoner to Day, and more strictly guarded than usual.

Ela. Cinthio came with Musick last Night under my Window, which my Father hearing sallyed out with his *Mermidons* upon him; and clashing of Swords I heard, but what hurt was done, or whether *Cinthio* were discovered to him, I know not; but the Billet I sent him now by *Scaramouch*, will occasion me soon intelligence.

Mop. And see Madam where your trusty *Roger* comes.

Enter Scaramouch *peeping on all sides before he enters.*

——You may advance, and fear none but your Friends.

Scar. Away and keep the door.

Ela. Oh dear *Scaramouch!* hast thou been at the Vice-Roys!

Scar. Yes, yes.—— [*In heat.*

Ela. And hast thou delivered my Letter to his Nephew, Don *Cinthio?*

Scar. Yes, Yes, what should I deliver else?

Ela. Well——and how does he?

[*Fanning himself with his Cap.*

Scar. Lord, how shou'd he do? Why, what a Laborious thing it is to be a Pimp?

Ela. Why, well he shou'd do.

Scar. So he is, as well as a Night adventuring Lover can be, ——he has got but one wound, Madam.

Ela.

Ela. How! wounded say you? Oh Heavens! 'Tis not Mortal?

Scar. Why, I have no great skill, ——— but they say it may be Dangerous.

Ela. I Dye with fear, where is he wounded?

Scar. Why, Madam, he is run ——— quit through the ——— heart, ——— but the Man may Live, if I please.

Ela. Thou please! Torment me not with Riddles.

Scar. Why, Madam, there is a certain cordial Balsam, called a fair Lady, which outwardly applyed to his Bosom, will prove a better cure than all your Weapon or Sympathetick Powder, meaning your Ladyship.

Ela. Is *Cinthio* then not wounded?

Scar. No otherwise than by your fair Eyes, Madam; he got away unseen and unknown.

Ela. Dost know how precious time is, and dost thou Fool it away thus? what said he to my Letter?

Scar. What should he say?

Ela. Why a hundred dear soft things of Love, kiss it as often, and bless me for my goodness.

Scar. Why so he did.

Ela. Ask thee a thousand question of my health after my last nights fright.

Scar. So he did.

Ela. Expressing all the kind concern Love cou'd inspire, for the punishment my Father has inflicted on me, for entertaining him at my Window last Night.

Scar. All this he did.

Ela. And for my being confin'd a Prisoner to my Apartment, without the hope or almost possibility of seeing him any more.

Scar. There I think you are a little mistaken, for besides the Plot that I have laid to bring you together all this Night, ——— there are such Stratagems a brewing, not only to bring you together, but with your Fathers consent too; Such a Plot, Madam.

Ela. Ay that wou'd be worthy of thy Brain; prethee what ———

Scar. Such a device.

Ela. I'm impatient.

Scar. Such a Canundrum, ——well if there be wise Men and Conjurers in the World, they are intriguing Lovers.

Ela. Out with it.

Scar. You must know, Madam, your Father, (my Master, the Doctor,) is a little Whimsical, Romantick, or Don Quick-lottish, or so.——

Ela. Or rather Mad.

Scar. That were uncivil to be supposed by me; but Lunatick we may call him without breaking the Decorum of good Manners; for he is always travelling to the Moon.

Ela. And so Religiously believes there is a World there, that he discourses as gravely of the People, their Government, Institutions, Laws, Manners, Religion and Constitution, as if he had been bred a *Machiavel* there.

Scar. How came he thus infected first?

Ela. With reading foolish Books, *Lucian's Dialogue of the Lofty Traveller*, who flew up to the Moon, and thence to Heaven; an Heroick business called, *The Man in the Moon*, if you'll believe a *Spaniard*, who was carried thether, upon an Engine drawn by wild Geese; with another Philosophical Piece, *A Discourse of the World in the Moon*; with a thousand other ridiculous Volumes too hard to name.

Scar. Ay, this reading of Books is a pernicious thing. I was like to have run Mad once, reading Sir *John Mandivel*; ——but to the business, ——I went, as you know, to Don *Cinthio's* Lodgings, where I found him with his dear Friend *Charmante*, laying their heads together for a Farce.

Ela. A Farce.——

Scar. Ay a Farce, which shall be called, ——*the World in the Moon.* Wherein your Father shall be so impos'd on, as shall bring matters most magnificently about.——

Ela. I cannot conceive thee, but the design must be good since *Cinthio* and *Charmante* own it.

Scar. In order to this, *Charmante* is dressing himself like one of the Caballists of the *Rosacrusian* Order, and is coming

to

to prepare my credulous Master for the greater imposition. I have his trinckets here to play upon him, which shall be ready.

Ela. But the Farce, where is It to be Acted?

Scar. Here, here, in this very House; I am to order the Decoration, adorn a Stage, and place Scenes proper.

Ela. How can this be done without my Father's knowledge?

Scar. You know the old Apartment next the great Orchard, and the Worm-eaten Gallery, that opens to the River; which place for several years no Body has frequented, there all things shall be Acted proper for our purpose.

Enter Mopsa *running.*

Mopsa. Run, Run *Scaramouch*, my Masters Conjuring for you like Mad below, he calls up all his little Divels with horrid Names, his *Microscope*, his *Horoscope*, his *Telescope*, and all his *Scopes*.

Scar. Here, here, —— I had almost forgot the Letters; here's one for you, and one for Mrs. *Bellemante.*

[*runs out.*

Enter Bellemante *with a Book.*

Bell. Here, take my Prayer Book, Oh *Matres chear.*

[*Embraces her.*

Ela. Thy Eyes are always laughing, *Bellemante.*

Bel. And so would yours had they been so well imployed as mine, this Morning. I have been at the Chapel; and seen so many Beaus, such a Number of Plumeys, I cou'd not tell which I shou'd look on most, sometimes my heart was charm'd with the gay Blonding, then with the Melancholy Noire, anon the amiable brunet, sometimes the bashful, then again the bold; the little now, anon the lovely tall! In fine, my Dear, I was embaras'd on all sides, I did nothing but deal my heart *tout au toore.*

Ela.

Ela. Oh there was then no danger, Cousin,

Bel. No but abundance of Pleasure.

Ela. Why, this is better than sighing for *Charmante*.

Bel. That's when he's present only, and makes his Court to me; I can sigh to a Lover, but will never sigh after him, ——but Oh the Beaus, the Beaus, Cousin, that I saw at Church.

Ela. Oh you had great Devotion to Heaven then!

Bel. And so I had; for I did nothing but admire its handy work, but I cou'd not have pray'd heartily if I had been dying; but a deuce on't, who shou'd come in and spoyl all but my Lover *Charmante*, so dress't, so Gallant, that he drew together all the scatter'd fragments of my heart, confin'd my wandering thoughts, and fixt 'em all on him; Oh how he look't, how he was dress'd!

Sings.

Chivalier, a Chevave Blond,
Plus de Mouche, Plus de Powdre
Pleus de Ribons et Cannous.

——Oh what a dear ravishing thing is the beginning of an Amour?

Ela. Thou'rt still in Tune, when wilt thou be tame, *Bellemante*?

Bel. When I am weary of loving, *Elaria*.

Ela. To keep up your Humor, here's a Letter from your *Charmante*.

Bel. *reads.* MAlicious Creature, *when wilt thou cease to torment me, and either appear less charming or more kind. I languish when from you, and am wounded when I see you, and yet I am eternally Courting my Pain.* Cinthio *and I are contriving how we shall see you to Night. Let us not toyl in vain; we ask but your consent; the pleasure will be all ours; 'tis therefore fit we suffer all the fatigue. Grant this, and Love me, if you will save the Life of*

Your *Charmante*.

Live

——Live then *Charmante!* Live, as long as Love can last!

Ela. Well, Cousin, *Scaramouch* tells me of a rare design's a hatching, to relieve us from this Captivity; here are we mew'd up to be espous'd to two Moon-calfs for ought I know; for the Devil of any Human thing is suffer'd to come near us, without our Governante and Keeper, Mr. *Scaramouch.*

Bel. Who, if he had no more Honesty, and Conscience, than my Uncle, wou'd let us pine for want of Lovers; but thanks be prais'd the Generosity of our Cavaliers has open'd their obdurate Hearts with a Golden key, that let's 'em in at all opportunities. Come, come, let's in, and answer their Billet Deux. [*Exeunt.*

SCENE II. *A Garden.*

Enter Doctor, *with all manner of Mathematical Instruments, hanging at his Girdle*; Scaramouch *bearing a Telescope twenty (or more) Foot long.*

Doct. SET down the Telescope.—— Let me see, what Hour is it?

Sca. About six a Clock, Sir.

Doct. Then 'tis about the Hour, that the great Monarch of the upper World enters into his Closet; Mount, mount the Telescope.

Scar. What to do, Sir?

Doct. I understand, at certain moments Critical, one may be snatch't of such a mighty consequence to let the sight into the secret Closet.

Scar. How, Sir, Peep into the Kings Closet; under favour, Sir, that will be something uncivil.

Doct. Uncivil, it were flat Treason if it shou'd be known, but thus unseen, and as wise Politicians shou'd, I take Survey of all: This is the States-man's peeping-hole, thorow which he Steals the secrets of his King, and seems to wink at distance.

Scar. The very key-hole, Sir, thorow which with h: If-

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an Eye, he sees him even at his Devotion, Sir.——

[*A knocking at the Garden Gate.*

Doct. Take care none enter—— [Scar. *goes to the Door.*

Scar. Oh, Sir, Sir, here's some strange great Man come to wait on you.

Doct. Great Man! from whence?

Scar. Nay, from the Moon World, for ought I know, for he looks not like the People of the lower Orb.

Doct. Ha! and that may be: wait on him in. [*Ex.* Scar.

Enter Scaramouch *bare, bowing before* Charmante, *dreſt in a ſtrange Fantaſtical Habit, with Harliquin Salutes the Doctor.*

Char. Doctor *Baliardo*, moſt learned Sir, all Hail; Hail from the great Caballa—— of *Eutopia.*

Doct. Moſt Reverend *Bard*, thrice welcome.

[*Salutes him low.*

Char. The Fame of your great Learning, Sir, and Vertue, is known with Joy to the renown'd Society.

Doct. Fame, Sir, has done me too much Honour, to bear my Name to the renown'd *Caballa.*

Char. You muſt not attribute it all to Fame, Sir, they are too learned and wiſe to take up things from Fame, Sir; our intleligence is by ways more ſecret and ſublime, the Stars, and little Dæmons of the Air inform us all things, paſt, preſent, and to come.

Doct. I muſt confeſs the Count of *Gabaliſt*, renders it plain, from Writ Divine and Humane, there are ſuch friendly and intleligent Dæmons.

Char. I hope you do not doubt that Doctrine, Sir, which holds that the Four Elements are Peopl'd with Perſons of a Form and Species more Divine than Vulgar Mortals—— thoſe of the fiery Regions we call the *Salamanders*, they beget Kings and *Heroes*, with Spirits like their Deiefical Sires the lovely Inhabitants of the Water, we call Nymphs. Thoſe of the Earth are Gnomes or Fayries. Thoſe of the Air are Silfs. Theſe, Sir, when in Conjunction with Mortals,

tals, beget Immortal Races. Such as the first born man, which had continu'd so, had the first Man ne'er doated on a Woman.

Doct. I am of that opinion, Sir, Man was not made for Woman.

Char. Most certain, Sir, Man was to have been Immortalliz'd by the Love and Conversation of these Charming Silfs and Nymphs, and Woman by the Gnomes and Salamanders, and to have stock'd the World with Demy Gods, such as at this Day inhabit the Empire of the *Moon*.

Doct. Most admirable Philosophy and Reason.—— But do these Silfs and Nymphs appear in shapes?

Char. Of the most Beautiful of all the Sons and Daughters of the *Universe*: Fancy, Imagination is not half so Charming: And then so soft, so kind! but none but the *Caballa* and their Families are blest with their Divine Addresses. Were you but once admitted to that Society.——

Doct. Ay, Sir, what Vertues or what Merits can accomplish me for that great Honour?

Char. An absolute abstinence from carnal thought, devout and pure of Spirit; free from Sin.

Doct. I dare not boast my Vertues, Sir; Is there no way to try my Purity?

Char. Are you very secret.

Doct. 'Tis my first Principle, Sir——

Char. And one, the most material in our *Rosecrusian* order.

Char. Please you to make a Tryal.

Doct. As how, Sir, I beseech you?——

Char. If you be throwly purg'd from Vice, the opticles of your sight will be so illuminated, that glancing through this *Telescope*, you may behold one of these lovely Creatures, that people the vast Region of the Air.

Doct. Sir, you oblige profoundly.

Char. Kneel then, and try your strength of Vertue, Sir. —Keep your Eye fix't and open.

[*He looks in the* Telescope.

[*While he is looking,* Charmante *goes to the Door to* Scaramouch, *who waited on purpose without, and takes a Glass with a Picture of a Nymph on it, and a light behind it; that as he brings it, he shows to the Audience. Goes to the end of the* Telescope.

——Can you discern, Sir?

Doct. Methinks I see a kind of Glorious Cloud drawn up——and now——'tis gone again.

Char. Saw you no figure?

Doct. None.

Char. Then make a short Prayer to *Alikin*, the Spirit of the East; shake off all Earthly thoughts, and look again.

[*He prays.* Charmante *puts the Glass into the Mouth of the* Telescope.

Doct. —— Astonisht, Ravisht with delight, I see a Beauty young and Angel like, leaning upon a Cloud——

Char. Seems she on a Bed, then she's reposing, and you must not gaze——

Doct. Now a Cloud Veils her from me.

Char. She saw you peeping then, and drew the Curtain of the Air between.

Doct. I am all Rapture, Sir, at this rare Vision——is't possible, Sir, that I may ever hope the Conversation of so Divine a Beauty?

Char. Most possible, Sir; they will Court you, their whole delight is to Immortallize——*Alexander* was begot by a *Salamander*, that visited his Mother in the form of a Serpent, because he would not make King *Philip* Jealous, and that famous Philosopher *Merlin*, was begotten on a Vestal *Nun*, a certain Kings Daughter, by a most beautiful young *Salamander*; as indeed all the *Heroes*, and men of mighty minds are.

Doct. Most excellent!

Char. The Nymph *Egeria* inamour'd on *Numa Pompilius*, came to him invisible to all Eyes else, and gave him all his Wisdom and Philosophy. *Zoroastes*, *Trismegistus*, *Apuleius*, *Aquinius*, *Albertus Magnus*, *Socrates* and *Virgil* had their Zilphid, which foolish people call'd their Dæmon or Devil. But you are wise, Sir.——

Doct.

Doct. But do you imagine Sir, they will fall in Love with an old Mortal?

Char. They love not like the Vulgar, 'tis the Immortal Part they dote upon.

Doct. But Sir, I have a Neece and Daughter which I love equally, were it not possible they might be Immortaliz'd?

Char. No doubt on't Sir, if they be Pure and Chast.

Doct. I think they are, and I'll take care to keep 'em so; for I confess Sir, I wou'd fain have a Hero to my Grandson.

Char. You never saw the Emperor of the Moon, Sir, the mighty *Iredonozar*?

Doct. Never Sir; his Court I have, but 'twas confusedly too.

Char. Refine your Thoughts Sir, by a moments Pray, and try again. [*He prays. Char. claps the Glass with the Emperour on it, he looks in and sees it.*

Doct. It is too much, too much for mortal Eyes! I see a Monarch seated on a Throne —— But seems most sad and pensive.

Char. Forbear then Sir, for now his Love-Fit's on, and then he wou'd be private.

Doct. His Love-Fit, Sir!

Char. Ay Sir, the Emperor's in Love with some fair Mortal.

Doct. And can he not command her?

Char. Yes, but her Quality being too mean, he struggles, tho' a King 'twixt Love and Honour.

Doct. It were too much to know the Mortal, Sir?

Char. 'Tis yet unknown, Sir, to the Caballists, who now are using all their Arts to find her, and serve his Majesty; but now my great Affair deprives me of you: To morrow Sir, I'll wait on you again; and now I've try'd your Vertue, tell you Wonders.

Doct. I humbly kiss your Hands, most Learned Sir.

[Charmante *goes out.* Doctor *waits on him to the Door, and returns, to him* Scaramouch. *All this while* Harlequin *was hid in the Hedges,*

peeping now and then, and when his Master went out he was left behind.

Sca. So, ſo, *Don Charmante* has plaid his Part moſt exquiſitely; I'll in and ſee how it works in his Pericranium. ——Did you call Sir?

Doct. Scaramouch, I have, for thy ſingular Wit and Honeſty, always had a Tenderneſs for thee above that of a Maſter to a Servant.

Sca. I muſt confeſs it, Sir.

Doct. Thou haſt Vertue and Merit that deſerves much.

Sca. Oh Lord, Sir!

Doct. And I may make thee great,——all I require, is, that thou wilt double thy diligent Care of my Daughter and my Neece, for there are mighty things deſign'd for them, if we can keep 'em from the ſight of Man.

Sca. The ſight of Man, Sir!

Doct. Ay, and the very Thoughts of Man.

Sca. What Antidote is there to be given to a young Wench, againſt the Diſeaſe of Love and Longing?

Doct. Do you your Part, and becauſe I know thee Diſcreet and very Secret, I will hereafter diſcover Wonders to thee.——On pain of Life, look to the Girls; that's your Charge.

Sca. Doubt me not, Sir, and I hope your Reverence will reward my faithful Service with *Mopſophil*, your Daughters Governante, who is Rich, and has long had my Affection, Sir. [Harlequ. *Peeping, cries—Oh Traitor!*

Doct. Set not thy Heart on Tranſitories mortal, there's better things in ſtore——beſides, I have promis'd her to a Farmer for his Son.——Come in with me, and bring the Teleſcope. [*Ex.* Doctor *and* Scaramouch.

[Harlequin *comes out on the Stage.*

Har. My Miſtriſs *Mopſophil* to marry a Farmers Son! What, am I then forſaken, abandon'd by the falſe fain One?——If I have Honour, I muſt die with Rage; Reproaching gently, and complaining madly.——It is reſolv'd, I'll hang my ſelf——No,——When did I ever hear of a Hero that hang'd himſelf? no—'tis the Death of Rogues. What if I drown my ſelf?——

No,——

No,—Uſeleſs Dogs and Puppies are drown'd: a Piſtol or a Caper on my own Sword wou'd look more nobly, but that I have a natural Averſion to Pain. Beſides, it is as Vulgar as Rats-bane, or the ſlicing of the Weaſand. No, I'll die a Death uncommon, and leave behind me an eternal Fame. I have ſomewhere read an Author, either Antient or Modern, of a Man that laugh'd to death.——I am very Tickliſh, and am reſolv'd—to dye that Death. ——Oh *Mopſophil*, my cruel *Mopſophil!* [*Pulls off his Hat, Sword and Shooes.*

——And now, farewel the World, fond Love, and mortal Cares. [*He falls to tickle himſelf, his Head, his Ears, his Arm-pits, Hands, Sides, and Soles of his Feet; making ridiculous Cries and Noiſes of Laughing ſeveral ways, with Antick Leaps and Skips, at laſt falls down as dead.*

Enter Scaramouch.

Sca. Harlequin was left in the Garden, I'll tell him the News of *Mopſophil*. [*Going forward, tumbles over him.* Ha, whats here? *Harlequin* Dead!— [*Heaving him up, he flies into a Rage.*

Har. Who is't that thus wou'd rob me of my Honour?

Sca. Honour, why I thought thou'dſt been dead.

Har. Why ſo I was, and the moſt agreeably dead.——

Sca. I came to bemoan with thee, the mutual loſs of our Miſtriſs.

Har. I know it Sir, I know it, and that thou'rt as falſe as ſhe: Was't not a Covenant between us, that neither ſhou'd take advantage of the other, but both ſhou'd have fair Play, and yet you baſely went to undermine me, and ask her of the Doctor; but ſince ſhe's gone, I ſcorn to quarrel for her———But let's like loving Brothers, hand in hand, leap from ſome Precipice into the Sea.

Sca. What, and ſpoil all my Cloths? I thank you for that; no, I have a newer way: you know I lodge four pair of Stairs high, let's aſcend thither, and after ſaying our Prayers.——

Har.

Har.——Prayers! I never heard of a dying Hero that ever pray'd.

Sca. Well, I'll not ſtand with you for a Trifle——Being come up, I'll open the Caſement, take you by the Heels, and fling you out into the Street,——after which, you have no more to do, but to come up and throw me down in my turn.

Har. The Atchievment's great and new; but now I think on't, I'm reſolv'd to hear my Sentence from the Mouth of the perfidious Trollop, for yet I cannot credit it.

I'll to the Gypſie, tho' I venture banging,
To be undeceiv'd, 'tis hardly worth the hanging.

[*Exeunt.*

SCENE II: *The Chamber of* Bellemante.

Enter Scaramouch *groping.*

Sca. SO, I have got rid of my Rival, and ſhall here get an Opportunity to ſpeak with *Mopſophil*, for hither ſhe muſt come anon, to lay the young Ladies Night-things in order; I'll hide my ſelf in ſome Corner till ſhe come. [*Goes on to the further ſide of the Stage.*

Enter Harlequin *groping.*

Har. So, I made my Rival believe I was gone, and hid my ſelf, till I got this Opportunity to ſteal to *Mopſophil*'s Apartment, which muſt be hereabouts, for from theſe Windows ſhe us'd to entertain my Love. [*Advances.*

Sca. Ha, I hear a ſoft Tread,——if it were *Mopſophil*'s, ſhe wou'd not come by Dark. [*Har. advancing runs againſt a Table, and almoſt ſtrikes himſelf backwards.*

Har. What was that?——a Table,——There I may obſcure my ſelf.—— [*Groping for the Table.*

——What a Devil, is it vaniſh'd?

Sca.

Sca. Devil,——Vanish'd,——What can this mean? 'Tis a Mans Voice.——If it shou'd be my Master the Doctor, now I were a dead Man;—he can't see me,—and I'll put my self into such a Posture, that if he feel me, he shall as soon take me for a Church Spout as a Man.

[*He puts himself into a Posture ridiculous, his Arms a-kimbo, his Knees wide open, his Backside almost touching the Ground, his Mouth stretched wide, and his Eyes staring.* Harl. *groping, thrusts his Hand into his Mouth, he bites him, the other dares not cry out.*

Har. Ha, what's this? all Mouth, with twenty Rows of Teeth.——Now dare not I cry out, least the Doctor shou'd come, find me here, and kill me.——I'll try if it be mortal.— [*Making damnable Faces and Signs of Pain, he draws a Dagger.* Scar. *feels the Point of it, and shrinks back, letting go his Hand.*

Scar. Who the Devil can this be? I felt a Poniard, and am glad I sav'd my Skin from pinking. [*Steals out.*

[Harlequin *groping about, finds the Table, on which there is a Carpet, and creeps under it, listning.*

Enter Bellemante, *with a Candle in one Hand, and a Book in the other.*

Bel. I am in a *Belle* Humor for Poetry to Night,——I'll make some Boremes on Love. [*She Writes and Studies.*

Out of a great Curiosity,—A Shepherd did demand of me.
——No, no,——*A Shepherd this implor'd of me.*——
[*Scratches out, and Writes a new.*
Ay, ay, so it shall go.——*Tell me, said he,*——
Can you Resign?——*Resign*, ay,—— what shall Rhime to *Resign*?—*Tell me, said he,*— [*She lays down the Tablets, and walks about.*

[Harlequin *peeps from under the Table, takes the Book, writes in it, and lays it up before she can turn.*

[*Reads.*]

[*Reads.*] Ay, Ay.——So it shall be.——*Tell me, said he, my* Bellemante;——*Will you be kind to your* Charmante? [*Reads those two Lines, and is amaz'd.*

——Ha,—Heav'ns! What's this? I am amaz'd!

——And yet I'll venture once more.— [*Writes and studies.*

[*Writes.*]—*I blush'd, and veil'd my wishing Eyes.*

[*Lays down the Book, and walks as before.*

——*Wishing Eyes*—— [Har. *Writes as before.*

[Har. *writes.*]——*And answer'd only with my Sighs.*

[*She turns and takes the Tablet.*

Bell.——Ha,——What is this? Witchcraft or some Divinity of Love? some *Cupid* sure invisible.——— Once more I'll try the Charm.——— [Bell. *writes.*]—*Cou'd I a better way my Love impart?*

[*Studies and walks.*

———*Impart*——— [*He writes as before.*

[Har. *wri.*]—*And without speaking, tell him all my Heart.*

Bell.—'Tis here again, but where's the Hand that writ it? [*Looks about.*

———The little Deity that will be seen
But only in his Miracles. It cannot be a Devil,
For here's no Sin nor Mischief in all this.

Enter Charmante. *She hides the Tablet, he steps to her and snatches it from her and Reads.*

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Char. Whose is this different Character? [*Looks angry.*

Bell. 'Tis yours for ought I know.

Char. Away, my Name was put here for a blind. What Rhiming Fop have you been clubbing Wit withal?

Bell.

Bell. Ah, *mon Dieu !*——*Charmante* Jealous *!*

Char. Have I not cauſe?——Who writ theſe Boremes?

Bell. Some kind aſſiſting Deity, for ought I know.

Char. Some kind aſſiſting Coxcomb, that I know, The Ink's yet wet, the Spark is near I find.——

Bell. Ah, *Maluruſe !* How was I miſtaken in this Man?

Char. Miſtaken! What, did you take me for, an eaſie Fool to be impos'd upon?——One that wou'd be cuckolded by every feather'd Fool; that you ſhou'd call a——*Beau un Gallant Huome.* 'sdeath! Who wou'd doat upon a fond She-Fop?———A vain conceited Amorous Cocquett.

[*Goes out, ſhe pulls him back.*

Enter Scaramouch, *running.*

Sca. Oh Madam! hide your Lover, or we are all undone.

Char. I will not hide, till I know the thing that made the Verſes. [*The Doctor calling as on the Stairs.*

Doct. Bellemante, Neece,———*Bellemante.*

Scar. She's coming Sir.——Where, where ſhall I hide him?———Oh, the Cloſet's open! [*Thruſts him into the Cloſet by force.*

Doct. Oh Neece! Ill Luck, Ill Luck, I muſt leave you to night; my Brother the Advocate is ſick, and has ſent for me; 'tis three long Leagues, and dark as 'tis, I muſt go.—They ſay he's dying. * Here, take my Keys, and go into my Study, and look over all my Papers, and bring me all thoſe Mark'd with a Croſs and Figure of Three, they concern my Brother and I. [**Pulls out his; Keys one falls down.*

[*She looks on* Scaramouch, *and makes pitiful Signs, and goes out.*

———Come *Scaramouch*, and get me ready for my Journey, and on your Life, let not a Door be open'd till my Return. [*Ex.*

Enter Mopsophil. Har. *peeps from under the Table.*

Har. Ha! *Mopsophil*, and alone!

Mop. Well, 'tis a delicious thing to be Rich; what a World of Lovers it invites! I have one for every Hand, and the Favorite for my Lips.

Har. Ay, him wou'd I be glad to know. [*And peeping.*

Mop. But of all my Lovers, I am for the Farmers Son, becauſe he keeps a Calaſh——and I'll ſwear a Coach is the moſt agreeable thing about a man.

Har. Ho, ho!

Mop. Ah me,——What's that? [*He anſwers in a ſhrill Voice.*

Har. The Ghoſt of a poor Lover, dwindl'd into a Hey-ho. [*He riſes from under the Table and falls at her Feet.* Scaramouch *enters. She runs off ſqueaking.*

Sca. Ha, my Rival and my Miſtriſs!——
Is this done like a Man of Honour, Monſieur *Harlequin*,
To take Advantages to injure me? [*Draws.*

Har. All Advantages are lawful in Love and War.

Scar. 'Twas contrary to our League and Covenant; therefore I defy thee as a Traytor.

Har. I ſcorn to fight with thee, becauſe I once call'd thee Brother.

Scar. Then thou'rt a Paltroon, that's to ſay, a Coward.

Har. Coward, nay, then I am provok'd, come on——

Scar. Pardon me, Sir, I gave the Coward, and you ought to ſtrike.

[*They go to fight ridiculouſly, and ever as* Scaramouch *paſſes,* Harlequin *leaps aſide, and skips ſo nimbly about, he cannot touch him for his Life; which after a while endeavouring in vain, he lays down his Sword.*

——If you be for dancing, Sir, I have my Weapons for all occaſions. [Scar. *pulls out a Fleut Deux, and falls to Playing.* Har. *throws down his, and falls a Dancing; after the Dance, they ſhake Hands.*

Har.

Har. He my Bone Ame—Is not this better than Duelling?

Scar. But not altogether ſo Heroick, Sir. Well, for the future, let us have fair Play; no Tricks to undermine each other; but which of us is choſen to be the happy Man, the other ſhall be content. [Elaria *within.*

Ela. Couſin *Bellemante*, Couſin.

Scar. 'Slife, let's be gone, leſt we be ſeen in the Ladies Apartment. [Scar. *ſlips* Harlequin *behind the Door.*

Enter Elaria.

Ela. How now, how came you here?——— [*Signs to* Har. *to go out.*

Scar. I came to tell you, Madam, my Maſter's juſt taking Mule to go his Journey to Night, and that *Don Cinthio* is in the Street, for a lucky moment to enter in.

Ela. But what if any one by my Fathers Order, or he himſelf, ſhou'd by ſome chance ſurpriſe us?

Scar. If we be, I have taken order againſt a Diſcovery. I'll go ſee if the old Gentleman be gone, and return with your Lover. [*Goes out.*

Ela. I tremble, but know not whether 'tis with Fear or Joy.

Enter Cinthio.

Cin. My dear *Elaria*——— [*Runs to imbrace her, ſhe ſtarts from him.*

———Ha,———ſhun my Arms, *Elaria!*

Ela. Heavens! Why did you come ſo ſoon?

Cin. Is it too ſoon, when ere 'tis ſafe, *Elaria?*

Ela. I die with fear———Met you not *Scaramouch?* He went to bid you wait a while; What ſhall I do?

Cin. Why this Concern? none of the Houſe has ſeen me. I ſaw your Father taking Horſe.

Ela. Sure you miſtake, methinks I hear his Voice.

Doct. below.]—My Key—The Key of my Laboratory.—Why, Knave *Scaramouch*, where are you?———

Ela. Do you hear that, Sir?——Oh, I'm undone!—Where shall I hide you?——He approaches——

[*She searches where to hide him.*

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———Ha,———*Cinthio* here!———

Cin. Yes Madam, to your shame———
Now your Perfidiousness is plain——False Woman,
'Tis well your Lover had the Dexterity of escaping, I'd spoil'd his making Love else. [*Gets from her, she holds him.*

Ela. Prethee hear me.

Cin.——But since my Ignorance of his Person saves his Life, live and possess him, till I can discover him.

[*Goes out.*

Ela. Go peevish Fool—— [*Ex.*
Whose Jealousie believes me given to Change,
Let thy own Torments be my just Revenge.

The End of the first Act.

ACT II. SCENE I.

An Antick Dance.

After the Musick has plaid. Enter Elaria *to her* Bellemante.

Elari. HEavens *Bellemante!* Where have you been?

Bell. Fatigu'd with the most disagreeable Affair, for a Person of my Humour, in the World. Oh, how I hate Business

Buſineſs, which I do no more mind, than a Spark does the Sermon, who is ogling his Miſtriſs at Church all the while: I have been ruffling over twenty Reams of Paper for my Uncles Writings.——

Enter Scaramouch.

Scar. So, ſo, the Old Gentleman is departed this wicked World, and the Houſe is our own for this Night.—Where are the Sparks? Where are the Sparks?

Ela. Nay, Heaven knows.

Bell. How! I hope not ſo; I left *Charmante* confin'd to my Cloſet, when my Uncle had like to have ſurpriz'd us together: Is he not here?——

Ela. No, he's eſcap'd, but he has made ſweet doings.

Bell. Heavens Couſin! What?

Ela. My Father was coming into the Chamber, and had like to have taken *Cinthio* with me, when, to conceal him, I put him into your Cloſet, not knowing of *Charmante*'s being there, and which, in the Dark, he took for a Gallant of mine; had not my Fathers Preſence hinder'd, I believe there had been Murder committed; how ever, they both eſcap'd unknown.

Scar. Pſhaw, is this all? Lovers Quarrels are ſoon adjuſted; I'll to 'em, unfold the Riddle, and bring 'em back—take no care, but go in and dreſs you for the Ball; *Mopſophil* has Habits which your Lovers ſent to put on: the Fidles Treat, and all are prepar'd.—— [*Ex.* Scara.

Enter Mopſophil.

Mopſ. Madam, your Couſin *Florinda*, with a Lady, are come to viſit you.

Bell. I'm glad on't, 'tis a good Wench, and we'll truſt her with our Mirth and Secret. [*They go out.*

SCENE

SCENE Changes. *To the Street.*

Enter Page with a Flambeaux, follow'd by Cinthio; *passes over the Stage.* Scaramouch *follows* Cinthio *in a Campaign Coat.*

Scar. 'Tis *Cinthio*——*Don Cinthio*—— [*Calls, he turns.*
—Well, whats the Quarrel?—How fell ye out?

Cin. You may inform your self I believe, for these close Intrigues cannot be carried on without your Knowledge.

Scar. What Intrigues Sir? be quick, for I'm in haſt.

Cin. Who was the Lover I ſurpris'd i'th' Cloſet?

Scar. Deceptio viſus, Sir; the Error of the Eyes.

Cin. Thou Dog,———I felt him too; but ſince the Raſcal ſcaped me——I'll be Reveng'd on thee———

[*Goes to beat him, he running away, runs againſt* Harlequin, *who is entering with* Charmante, *and like to have thrown 'em both down.*

Char. Ha,———What's the matter here?———

Scar. Seignior Don *Charmante*—— [*Then he ſtruts courageouſly in with 'em.*

Char. What, *Cinthio* in a Rage!
Who's the unlucky Object?

Cin. All Man and Woman Kind: *Elaria*'s falſe.

Char. Elaria falſe! take heed, ſure her nice Vertue is Proof againſt the Vices of her Sex.
——Say rather *Bellemante.*
She who by Nature's light and wavering.
The Town contains not ſuch a falſe Impertinent.
This Evening I ſurpris'd her in her Chamber
Writing of Verſes, and between her Lines,
Some Spark had newly pen'd his proper Stuff.
Curſe of the Jilt, I'll be her Fool no more.

Har. I doubt you are miſtaken in that, Sir, for 'twas I was the Spark that writ the proper Stuff.
To do you Service———

Char. Thou!

Scar.

Scar. Ay, we that ſpend our Lives and Fortunes here to ſerve you,——to be us'd like Pimps and Scowndrels.——Come Sir,——ſatisfie him who 'twas was hid i'th Cloſet, when he came in and found you.

Cin. Ha,——is't poſſible? Was it *Charmante?*

Char. Was it you, *Cinthio?* Pox on't, what Fools are we, we cou'd not know one another by Inſtinct?

Scar. Well, well, diſpute no more this clear Caſe, but lets haſten to your Miſtriſſes.

Cin. I'm aſham'd to appear before *Elaria.*

Char. And I to *Bellemante.*

Scar. Come, come, take Heart of Grace; pull your Hats down over your Eyes; put your Arms acroſs; ſigh and look ſcurvily; your ſimple Looks are ever a Token of Repentance; come——come along. [*Exeunt Omnes.*

SCENE changes to the Inſide of the Houſe.

The Front of the Scene is only a Curtain or Hangings to be drawn up at Pleaſure.

Enter Elaria, Bellemante Mopſophil, *and Ladies, dreſs'd in Maſking Habits.*

Elaria. I Am extreamly pleas'd with theſe Habits, Couſin.

Bell. They are *A la Gothic* and *Uncomune.*

Lady. Your Lovers have a very good Fancy, Couſin, I long to ſee 'em.

Ela. And ſo do I. I wonder *Scaramouch* ſtays ſo, and what Succeſs he has.

Bell. you have no cauſe to doubt, you can ſo eaſily acquit your ſelf; but I, what ſhall I do? who can no more imagine who ſhou'd write thoſe Boremes, than who I ſhall love next, if I break off with *Charmante.*

Lady. If he be a Man of Honour, Couſin, when a Maid proteſts her Innocence——

Bell. Ay, but he's a Man of Wit too, Couſin, and knows when Women proteſt moſt, they likely lye moſt.

Ela. Moſt commonly, for Truth needs no aſſeveration.

Bell. That's according to the Diſpoſition of your Lover, for ſome believe you moſt, when you moſt abuſe and cheat 'em; ſome are ſo obſtinate, they wou'd damn a Woman with proteſting, before ſhe can convince 'em.

Ela. Such a one is not worth convincing, I wou'd not make the World wiſe at the expence of a Vertue.

Bell. Nay, he ſhall e'en remain as Heaven made him for me, ſince there are Men enough for all uſes.

Enter Charmante *and* Cinthio, *dreſs'd in their Gothic Habits.* Scaramouch, Harlequin *and Muſick.* Charmante *and* Cinthio *kneel.*

Cin. Can you forgive us? [Elaria *takes him up.*

Bell. That, *Cinthio*, you're convinc'd, I do not wonder; but how *Charmante*'s Goodneſs is inſpir'd, I know not. [*Takes him up.*

Char. Let it ſuffice, I'me ſatisfy'd, my *Bellemante.*

Ela. 'Pray' know my Couſin *Florinda.* [*They ſalute the Lady.*

Bell. Come, let us not loſe time, ſince we are all Friends.

Char. The beſt uſe we can make of it, is to talk of Love.

Bell. Oh! we ſhall have time enough for that hereafter; beſides, you may make Love in Dancing as well as in Sitting; you may Gaze, Sigh,———and preſs the Hand, and now and then receive a Kiſs, what wou'd you more?

Char. Yes, wiſh a little more.

Bell. We were unreaſonable to forbid you that cold Joy, nor ſhall you wiſh long in vain, if you bring Matters ſo about, to get us with my Uncle's Conſent.

Ela. Our Fortunes depending ſolely on his Pleaſure, which is too conſiderable to loſe.

Cin. All things are order'd as I have written you at large; our Scenes and all our Properties are ready; we have

have no more to do but to banter the old Gentleman into a little more Faith, which the next Visit of our new Caballist *Charmante* will compleat. [*The Musick plays.*

Enter some Anticks and dance. They all sit the while.

Ela. Your Dancers have perform'd well, but 'twere fit we knew who we have trusted with this Evenings Intrigue.

Cin. Those, Madam, who are to assist us in carrying on a greater Intrigue, the gaining of you. They are our Kinsmen.

Ela. Then they are doubly welcome.

[*Here is a Song in Dialogue, with Flout Deux and Harpsicals. Shepherd and Shepardess; which ended, they all dance a Figure Dance.*

Cin. Hark, what Noise is that? sure 'tis in the next Room.

Doct. within.] *Scaramouch, Scaramouch!* [*Scar. runs to the Door and holds it fast.*

Scar. Ha,——the Devil in the likeness of my old Masters Voice, for 'tis impossible it shou'd be he himself.

Char. If it be he, how got he in? did you not secure the Doors?

Ela. He always has a Key to open 'em. Oh! what shall we do? there's no escaping him; he's in the next Room, through which you are to pass.

Doct. Scaramouch, Knave, where are you?

Scar. 'Tis he, 'tis he, follow me all—— [*He goes with all the Company behind the Front Curtain.*

Without Doctor.] I tell you Sirrah, I heard the Noise of Fiddles.

Without Peter. No surely Sir, 'twas a Mistake.

[*Knocking at the Door.*

[Scaramouch *having plac'd them all in the Hanging, in which they make the Figures, where they stand without Motion in Postures. He comes out. He opens the Dore with a Candle in his Hand.*

Enter the Doctor, and Peter with a Light.

Scar. Bless me, Sir! Is it you, —— or your Ghost.

Doct. 'Twere good for you, Sir, if I were a thing of Air; but as I am a substantial Mortal, I will lay it on as substantially —— [*Canes him. He cries.*

Scar. What d'ye mean, Sir? what d'ye mean?

Doct. Sirrah, must I stand waiting your Leisure, while you are Rogueing here? I will reward ye. [*Beats him.*

Scar. Ay, and I shall deserve it richly, Sir, when you know all.

Doct. I guess all, Sirrah, and I heard all, and you shall be rewarded for all. Where have you hid the Fiddles, you Rogue?

Scar. Fiddles, Sir?——

Doct. Ay, Fiddles, Knave.

Scar. Fiddles, Sir!——Where?

Doct. Here,——here I heard 'em, thou false Steward of thy Masters Treasure.

Scar. Fiddles, Sir! Sure 'twas Wind got into your Head, and whistled in your Ears, riding so late, Sir.

Doct. Ay, thou false Varlot, there's another Debt I owe thee, for bringing me so damnable a Lye: My Brother's well——I met his Valet but a League from Town, and found thy Rogury out. [*Beats him. He cries.*

Scar. Is this the Reward I have for being so diligent since you went?

Doct. In what, thou Villain? in what?

[*The Curtain is drawn up, and discovers the Hangings where all of them stand.*

Scar. Why look you, Sir, I have, to surprise you with Pleasure, against you came home, been putting up this Piece of Tapestry, the best in *Italy*, for the Rareness of the Figures, Sir.

Doct. Ha——Hum——It is indeed a stately Piece of Work; how came I by 'em?

Scar. 'Twas sent your Reverence from the *Vertuoso*, or some of the Cabalists.

Doct. I must confess, the Workmanship is excellent,—— but still I do insist I heard the Musick.

Scar.

Scar. 'Twas then the tuning of the Spheres, some ſerinade, Sir, from the Inhabitants of the Moon.

Doct. Hum,——from the Moon,——and that may be——

Scar. Lord, d'ye think I wou'd deceive your Reverence?

Doct. From the Moon, a Serinade,——I ſee no ſigns on't here, indeed it muſt be ſo——I'll think on't more at leiſure.—— [*Aſide.*

——Prithee what Story's this? [*Looks on the Hangings.*

Scar. Why, Sir,——'Tis.——

Doct. Hold up the Candles higher, and nearer.

[Peter *and* Scaramouch *hold Candles near. He takes a Perſpective and looks through it; and coming nearer,* Harlequin, *who is plac'd on a Tree in the Hangings, hits him on the Head with his Truncheon. He ſtarts, and looks about. He ſits ſtill.*

Scar. Sir.——

Doct. What was that ſtruck me?

Scar. Struck you, Sir! Imagination.

Doct. Can my Imagination feel, Sirrah?

Scar. Oh, the moſt tenderly of any part about one, Sir!

Doct. Hum——That may be——

Scar. Are you a great Philoſopher, and know not that, Sir?

Doct. This Fellow has a glimpſe of Profundity—— [*Aſide. Looks again.*

——I like the Figures well.

Scar. You will, when you See 'em by Day-light, Sir.

[Har. *hits him again. The Doctor ſees him.*

Doct. Ha,——Is that Imagination too——Betray'd, betray'd, undone; run for my Piſtols, call up my Servants *Peter*, a Plot upon my Daughter and my Neece.

[*Runs out with* Peter.

[Scaramouch *puts out the Candle, they come out of the Hanging, which is drawn away. He places 'em in a Row juſt at the Entrance.*

Scar.

Scar. Here, here, fear nothing, hold by each other, that when I go out, all may go; that is, ſlip out, when you hear the Doctor is come in again, which he will certainly do, and all depart to your reſpective Lodgings.

Cin. And leave thee to bear the Brunt?

Sca. Take you no care for that, I'll put it into my Bill of Charges, and be paid all together.

Enter the Doctor *with Piſtols, and* Peter.

Doct. What, by dark? that ſhall not ſave you, Villains, Traytors to my Glory and Repoſe.—*Peter*, hold faſt the Door, let none eſcape. [*They all ſlip out.*

Pet. I'll warrant you, Sir. [Doctor *gropes about, then ſtamps and calls.*

Doct. Lights there———Lights———I'm ſure they cou'd not ſcape.

Pet. Impoſſible, Sir.

Enter Scaramouch *undreſs'd in his Shirt, with a Light. Starts.*

Scar. Bleſs me!———what's here?

Doct. Ha,———Who art thou? [*Amaz'd to ſee him enter ſo.*

Sca. I, who the Devil are you, and you go to that. [*Rubs his Eyes, and brings the Candle nearer. Looks on him.*

———Mercy upon us!———Why what is't you, Sir, return'd ſo ſoon?

Doct. Return'd! [*Looking ſometimes on him, ſometimes about.*

Scar. Ay Sir, Did you not go out of Town laſt night, to your Brother the Advocate?

Doct. Thou Villain, thou queſtion'ſt me, as if thou knew'ſt not that I was return'd.

Scar. I know, Sir! how ſhou'd I know? I'm ſure I am but juſt wak'd from the ſweeteſt Dream———

Doct.

Doct. You dream ſtill, Sirrah, but I ſhall wake your Rogueſhip.——Were you not here but now, ſhewing me a piece of Tapeſtry, you Villain?——

Scar. Tapeſtry!— [Mopſophil *liſtning all the while.*

Doct. Yes Rogue, yes, for which I'll have thy Life——

[*Offering a Piſtol.*

Scar. Are you ſtark mad, Sir? or do I dream ſtill?

Doct. Tell me, and tell me quickly, Rogue, who were thoſe Traytors that were hid but now in the Diſguiſe of a piece of Hangings. [*Holds the Piſtol to his Breaſt.*

Scar. Bleſs me! you amaze me, Sir. What conformity has every Word you ſay, to my rare Dream: Pray let me feel you, Sir,——Are you Humane?

Doct. You ſhall feel I am, Sirrah, if thou confeſs not.

Scar. Confeſs, Sir! What ſhou'd I confeſs?——I underſtand not your Caballiſtical Language; but in mine, I confeſs that you have wak'd me from the rareſt Dream—Where methought the Emperor of the Moon World was in our Houſe, Dancing and Revelling; and methoughts his Grace was fallen deſperately in Love with Miſtriſs *Elaria*, and that his Brother, the Prince, Sir, of *Thunderland*, was alſo in Love with Miſtriſs *Bellemante*; and methoughts they deſcended to court 'em in your Abſence.—And that at laſt you ſurpris'd 'em, and that they transform'd themſelves into a Suit of Hangings to deceive you. But at laſt, methought you grew angry at ſomething, and they all fled to Heaven again; and after a deal of Thunder and Lightning, I wak'd, Sir, and hearing Humane Voices here, came to ſee what the Matter was.

[*This while the* Doctor *leſſens his ſigns of Rage by degrees, and at laſt ſtands in deep Contemplation.*

Doct. May I credit this?

Scar. Credit it! By all the Honour of your Houſe, by my unſeparable Veneration for the Mathematicks, 'tis true, Sir.

Doct. ——That famous *Roſacruſian*, who yeſterday viſited me, told me——the Emperor of the Moon was in Love with a fair Mortal——This Dream is Inſpiration in this Fellow——He muſt have wonderous Vertue

tue in him, to be worthy of these Divine Intelligences. [*Aside.*

———But if that Mortal should be *Elaria*! but no more, I dare not yet suppose it———perhaps the thing was real and no Dream, for oftentimes the grosser part is hurried away in Sleep, by the force of Imagination, and is wonderfully agitated——This Fellow might be present in his Sleep,——of this we've frequent Instances———I'll to my Daughter and my Neece, and hear what knowledge they may have of this.

Mop. Will you so? I'll secure you, the Frolick shall go round.

Doct. Scaramouch, If you have not deceiv'd me in this Matter, time will convince me farther; if it rest here, I shall believe you false———

Sca. Good Sir, suspend your Judgment and your Anger then.

Doct. I'll do't, go back to Bed——[*Ex.* Doctor *and* Peter.

Scar. No, Sir, 'tis Morning now—and I'm up for all day. ———This Madness is a pretty sort of a pleasant Disease, when it tickles but in one Vein——Why here's my Master now, as great a Scholar, as grave and wise a Man, in all Argument and Discourse, as can be met with, yet name but the Moon, and he runs into Ridicule, and grows as mad as the Wind.

Well *Doctor*, if thou can'st be madder yet,
We'll find a Medicine that shall cure your Fit.
———Better than all *Gallanicus*. [*Goes out.*

SCENE Draws off. *Discovers* Elaria, Bellemante, *and* Mopsophil *in Night-Gowns.*

Mop. You have your Lessons, stand to it bravely, and the Town's our own, Madam. [*They put themselves in Postures of Sleeping, leaning on the Table,* Mopsophil *lying at their Feet.*

Enter

Enter Doctor, *ſoftly.*

Doct. Ha, not in Bed! this gives me mortal Fears.

Bell. Ah, Prince——— [*She ſpeaks as in her Sleep.*

Doct. Ha, Prince! [*Goes nearer and liſtens.*

Bell. How little Faith I give to all your Courtſhip, who leaves our Orb ſo ſoon. [*In a feign'd Voice.*

Doct. Ha, ſaid ſhe Orb? [*Goes nearer.*

Bell. But ſince you are of a Cœleſtial Race,
And eaſily can penetrate
Into the utmoſt limits of the Thought,
Why ſhou'd I fear to tell you of your Conqueſt?
———And thus implore your Aid. [*Riſes and runs to the* Doctor. *Kneels, and holds him faſt. He ſhews ſigns of Joy.*

Doct. I am Raviſh'd!

Bell. Ah, Prince Divine, take Pity on a Mortal———

Doct. I am rapt!

Bell. And take me with you to the World above.

Doct. The Moon, the Moon ſhe means, I am Tranſported, Over-joy'd, and Ecſtacy'd. [*Leaping and jumping from her Hands, ſhe ſeems to wake.*

Bell. Ha, my Uncle come again to interrupt us!

Doct. Hide nothing from me, my dear *Bellemante*, ſince all already is diſcover'd to me——and more.——

Ela. Oh, why have you wak'd me from the ſofteſt Dream that ever Maid was bleſt with?

Doct. What——what my beſt *Elaria*? [*With over-joy.*

Ela. Methought I entertain'd a Demi-God, one of the gay Inhabitants of the Moon.

Bell. I'm ſure mine was no Dream——I wak'd, I heard, I ſaw, I ſpoke——and danc'd to the Muſick of the Spheres, and methought my glorious Lover ty'd a Diamond Chain about my Arm——and ſee 'tis all ſubſtantial. [*Shows her Arm.*

Ela. And mine a Ring, of more than mortal Luſtre.

Doct. Heaven keep me moderate! leaſt exceſs of Joy ſhou'd make my Vertue leſs. [*Stifling his Joy.*

——There

——There is a wonderous Myſtery in this.
A mighty Bleſſing does attend your Fates.
Go in, and pray to the chaſt Powers above
To give you Vertue fit for ſuch Rewards. [*They go in.*
—How this agrees with what the learned Caballiſt inform'd me of laſt Night! He ſaid, that great *Fredinozor*, the Emperor of the Moon, was inamour'd on a fair Mortal. It muſt be ſo—and either he deſcended to Court my Daughter Perſonally, which, for the Rareneſs of the Novelty, ſhe takes to be a Dream; or elſe, what they and I beheld, was Viſionary, by way of a ſublime Intelligence.——And poſſibly——'tis only thus——the People of that World converſe with Mortals.——I muſt be ſatisfy'd in this main Point of deep Philoſophy.

I'll to my Study,——for I cannot reſt,
Till I this weighty Myſtery have diſcuſs'd.

[*Ex. very gravely.*

SCENE. *The Garden.*

Enter Scaramouch *with a Ladder.*

Scar. THo' I am come off *en Cavalier* with my Maſter, I am not with my Miſtriſs, whom I promiſed to conſole this Night, and is but juſt I ſhou'd make good this Morning; 'twill be rude to ſurprize her Sleeping, and more Gallant to wake her with a Serinade at her Window.

[*Sets the Ladder to her Window, fetches his Lute, and goes up the Ladder.*

He Plays and Sings this Song.

When Maidens are young and in their Spring
Of Pleaſure, of Pleaſure, let 'em take their full Swing, full Swing,——full Swing,——
And Love, and Dance, and Play, and Sing.

For

For Silvia, *believe it, when Youth is done,*
There's nought but hum drum, hum drum, hum drum;
There's nought but hum drum, hum drum, hum drum.

Then Silvia *be wiſe——be wiſe——be wiſe,——*
Tho' Painting and Dreſſing, for a while, are Supplies,
And may——ſurpriſe——
But when the Fire's going out in your Eyes,
It twinkles, it twinkles, it twinkles, and dies.
And then to hear Love, to hear Love from you,
I'd as live hear an Owl cry——Wit to woo,
Wit to woo, Wit to woo.

Enter Mopſophil *above.*

Mop. What woful Ditty-making Mortal's this?
That ere the Lark her early Note has ſung,
Does doleful Love beneath my Caſement thrum.——
——Ah, Seignior *Scaramouch*, is it you?
Scar. Who ſhou'd it be, that takes ſuch pains to ſue?
Mop. Ah, Lover moſt true Blew.

Enter Harlequin *in Womens Cloths.*

Har. If I can now but get admittance, I ſhall not only deliver the young Ladies their Letters from their Lovers, but get ſome opportunity, in this Diſguiſe, to ſlip this *Billet Deux* into *Mopſophil*'s Hand, and bob my Comrade *Scaramouch*.——Ha,——What do I ſee?—My Miſtriſs at the Window, courting my Rival! Ah Gypſie!——

Scar. ——But we loſe precious time, ſince you deſign me a kind Hour in your Chamber.

Har. Oh Traytor!——

Mop. You'll be ſure to keep it from *Harlequin*.

Har. Ah yes, he, hang him Fool, he takes you for a Saint.——

Scar. Harlequin!——Hang him, ſhotten Herring.

Har. Ay, a Cully, a Noddy.

Mop. A meer Zany.

Har. Ah, hard hearted Turk.

Mop. Fit for nothing but a Cuckold.

Har. Monſter of Ingratitude! How ſhall I be reveng'd? [Scar. *going over the Balcony.*

——Hold, hold, thou perjur'd Traytor. [*Cryes out in a Womans Voice.*

Mop. Ha, ——Diſcover'd!——A Woman in the Garden!

Har. Come down, come down, thou falſe perfidious Wretch.

Scar. Who, in the Devils Name, art thou? And to whom doſt thou ſpeak?

Har. To thee, thou falſe Deceiver, that haſt broke thy Vows, thy Lawful Vows of Wedlock—— [*Bawling out.* Oh, oh, that I ſhou'd live to ſee the Day!— [*Crying.*

Scar. Who mean you, Woman?

Har. Whom ſhou'd I mean, but thou——my lawful Spouſe?

Mop. Oh Villain!——Lawful Spouſe!—Let me come to her. [Scar. *comes down, as* Mopſophil *flings out of the Balcony.*

Scar. The Woman's mad——hark ye Jade——how long have you been thus diſtracted?

Har. E're ſince I lov'd and truſted thee, falſe Varlot. ——See here,——the Witneſs of my Love and Shame. [*Bawls, and points to her Belly.*

Juſt then Mopſophil *enters.*

Mop. How! with Child!——Out Villain, was I made a Property?

Sca. Hear me.

Har. Oh, thou Heathen Chriſtian!——Was not one Woman enough?

Mop. Ay, Sirrah, anſwer to that.

Scar. I ſhall be ſacrific'd.——

Mop. I am reſolv'd to marry to morrow——either to the Apothecary or the Farmer, men I never ſaw, to be reveng'd on thee, thou tarmagant Infidel.

Enter

Enter the Doctor.

Doct. What Noiſe, what Out-cry, what Tumult's this?

Har. Ha,—the Doctor!——What ſhall I do?——

[*Gets to the Door, Scar. pulls her in.*

Doct. A Woman!——ſome Bawd I am ſure——Woman, what's your Buſineſs here?——ha——

Har. I came, an't like your Seigniorſhip, to Madam the Governante here, to ſerve her in the Quality of a *Fille de Chambre*, to the young Ladies.

Doct. A *Fille de Chambre*! 'tis ſo, a ſhe Pimp,——

Har. Ah, Seignior— [*Makes his little dapper Leg inſtead of a Curtſie.*

Doct. How now, what do you mock me?

Har. Oh Seignior!—— [*Gets nearer the Door.*

Mop. Stay, ſtay, Miſtriſs, and what Service are you able to do the Seigniors Daughters?

Har. Is this Seignior Doctor *Baliardo*, Madam?

Mop. Yes.

Har. Oh! He's a very handſome Gentleman——indeed——

Doct. Ay, ay, what Service can you do, Miſtriſs?

Har. Why Seignior, I can tye a Cravat the beſt of any Perſon in *Naples*, and I can comb a Periwig——and I can——

Doct. Very proper Service for young Ladies; you, I believe, have been *Fille de Chambre* to ſome young Cavaliers.

Har. Moſt true, Seignior, why ſhou'd not the Cavaliers keep *Filles de Chambre*, as well as great Ladies *Vallets de Chambre*?

Doct. Indeed 'tis equally reaſonable.——'Tis a Bawd.—— [*Aſide.*

——But have you never ſerv'd Ladies?

Har. Oh yes! I ſerv'd a Parſons Wife.

Doct. Is that a great Lady?

Har. I ſurely, Sir, what is ſhe elſe? for ſhe wore her Mantoes of *Brokad de or*, Petticoats lac'd up to the Gathers,

thers, her Points, her Patches, Paints and Perfumes, and ſate in the uppermoſt Place in the Church to.

Mop. But have you never ſerv'd Counteſſes and Dutcheſſes?

Har. Oh, yes, Madam! the laſt I ſerv'd, was an Aldermans Wife in the City.

Mop. Was that a Counteſs or a Dutcheſs?

Har. Ay, certainly——for they have all the Money; and then for Cloths, Jewels, and rich Furniture, and eating, they outdo the very *Vice Reigne* her ſelf.

Doct. This is a very ignorant running Bawd,——therefore firſt ſearch her for *Billets Doux*, and then have her Pump'd.

Har. Ah, Seignior,——Seignior.—— [Scar. *ſearches him, finds Leters.*

Scar. Ha,——to *Elarta*——and *Bellemante*?—— [*Reads the Outſide, pops 'em into his Boſom.*

——Theſe are from their Lovers——

——Ha,——a Note to *Mopſophil*,——Oh, Rogue! have I found you?——

Har. If you have, 'tis but Trick for your Trick, Seignior *Scaramouch*, and you may ſpare the Pumping.

Scar. For once, Sirrah, I'll bring you off, and deliver your Letters.——Sir, do you not know who this is?——Why 'tis a Rival of mine, who put on this Diſguiſe to cheat me of Miſtriſs *Mopſophil*.——See hear's a Billet to her.——

Doct. What is he?

Scar. A Mungrel Dancing-Maſter; therefore, Sir, ſince all the Injury's mine, I'll pardon him for a Dance, and let the Agility of his Heels ſave his Bones, with your Permiſſion, Sir.

Doct. With all my Heart, and am glad he comes off ſo comically. [Harlequin *Dances.*

[*A knocking at the Gate.* Scar. *goes and returns.*

Scar. Sir, Sir, here's the rare Philoſopher who was here yeſterday.

Doct. Give him Entrance, and all depart.

Enter

Enter Charmante.

Char. Bleſt be thoſe Stars? that firſt conducted me to ſo much Worth and Vertue, you are their Darling, Sir, for whom they wear their brighteſt Luſtre. Your Fortune is eſtabliſh'd, you are made, Sir.

Doct. Let me contain my Joy——— [*Keeping in an impatient Joy.*

——May I be worthy, Sir, to apprehend you?

Char. After long Searching, Watching, Faſting, Praying, and uſing all the vertuous means in Nature, whereby we ſolely do attain the higheſt Knowledge in Philoſophy; it was reſolv'd, by ſtrong Intelligence——you were the happy Sire of that Bright Nymph, that had infaſcinated, charm'd and conquer'd the mighty Emperor *Iredonozor*——the Monarch of the Moon.

Doct. I am—undone with Joy! ruin'd with Tranſport— [*Aſide.*

——Can it—can it, Sir,——be poſſible—— [*Stifling his Joy, which breaks out.*

Char. Receive the Bleſſing, Sir, with moderation.

Doct. I do, Sir, I do.

Char. This very Night, by their great Art, they find He will deſcend, and ſhow himſelf in Glory. An Honour, Sir, no Mortal has receiv'd This ſixty hundred years.———

Doct. Hum——Say you ſo, Sir? no Emperor ever deſcend this Sixty hundred years? [*Looks ſad.*

——Was I deceiv'd laſt night? [*Aſide.*

Char. Oh! Yes, Sir, often in diſguiſe, in ſeveral Shapes and Forms, which did of old occaſion ſo many Fabulous Tales of all the Shapes of *Jupiter*——but never in their proper Glory, Sir, as Emperors. This is an Honour only deſign'd to you.

Doct. And will his Grace—be here in Perſon, Sir? [*Joyful.*

Char.

Char. In Perſon——and with him, a Man of mighty Quality, Sir,——'tis thought——the Prince of *Thunderland*——but that's but whiſper'd, Sir, in the Cabal, and that he loves your Neece.

Doct. Miraculous! how this agrees with all I've ſeen and heard——To Night, ſay you, Sir?

Char. So 'tis conjectur'd, Sir,——ſome of the Caballiſt—are of opinion——that laſt night there was ſome Sally from the Moon.

Doct. About what hour, Sir?

Char. The Meridian of the Night, Sir, about the hours of twelve or one, but who deſcended, or in what Shape, is yet uncertain.

Doct. This I believe, Sir.

Char. Why, Sir?

Doct. May I communicate a Secret of that Nature?

Char. To any of the Caballiſt, but none elſe.

Doct. Then know——laſt night, my Daughter and my Neece were entertain'd by thoſe illuſtrious Heroes.

Char. Who, Sir? the Emperor and Prince his Couſin.

Doct. Moſt certain, Sir.
But whether they appear'd in ſolid Bodies, or Fantomical, is yet a Queſtion, for at my unlucky approach, they all transform'd themſelves into a Piece of Hangings.

Char. 'Tis frequent, Sir, their Shapes are numerous, and 'tis alſo in their Power to transform all they touch, by vertue of a certain Stone——they call the *Ebula.*

Doct. That wondrous *Ebula*, which *Gonzales* had?

Char. The ſame——by Vertue of which, all weight was taken from him, and then with eaſe the lofty Traveller flew from *Parnaſſus Hill*, and from *Hymethus Mount*, and high *Gerania*, and *Acrocorinthus*, thence to *Taygetus*, ſo to *Olympus* Top, from whence he had but one ſtep to the Moon. Dizzy he grants he was.

Doct. No wonder, Sir, Oh happy great *Gonzales!*

Char. Your Vertue, Sir, will render you as happy——but I muſt haſt——this Night prepare your Daughter and your Neece, and let your Houſe be Dreſs'd, Perfum'd, and Clean.

Doct.

Doct. It shall be all perform'd, Sir.

Char. Be modest, Sir, and humble in your Elevation, for nothing shews the Wit so poor, as Wonder, nor Birth so mean, as Pride.

Doct. I humbly thank your Admonition, Sir, and shall, in all I can, struggle with Humane Frailty. [*Brings* Char. *to the Door bare.* *Exit.*

Enter Scaramouch *peeping at the other Door.*

Scar. So, so, all things go gloriously forward, but my own Amour, and there is no convincing this obstinate Woman, that 'twas that Rogue *Harlequin* in Disguise, that claim'd me; so that I cannot so much as come to deliver the young Ladies their Letters from their Lovers. I must get in with this damn'd Mistriss of mine, or all our Plot will be spoil'd for want of Intelligence.

———Hum,——The Devil does not use to fail me at a dead Lift. I must deliver these Letters, and I must have this Wench———tho' but to be reveng'd on her for abusing me.———Let me see———she is resolv'd for the Apothecary or the Farmer. Well, say no more honest *Scaramouch*, thou shalt find a Friend at need of me——— and if I do not fit you with a Spouse, say that a Woman has out-witted me.

The End of the Second Act.

ACT III. SCENE I.

The Street, with the Town Gate, where an Officer ſtands with a Staff like a London *Conſtable.*

Enter Harlequin *riding in a Calaſh, comes through the Gate towards the Stage, dreſs'd like a Gentleman ſitting in it. The Officer lays hold of his Horſe.*

Officer. HOld, hold, Sir, you, I ſuppoſe know the Cuſtoms that are due to this City of *Naples*, from all Perſons that paſs the Gates in Coach, Chariot, Calaſh, or *Siege Voglant*.

Har. I am not ignorant of the Cuſtom, Sir, but what's that to me?

Off. Not to you, Sir! why, what Privilege have you above the reſt?

Har. Privilege, for what, Sir?

Off. Why for paſſing, Sir, with any of the before named Carriages.

Har. Ar't mad?———Doſt not ſee I am a plain Baker, and this my Cart, that comes to carry Bread for the Vice-Roy's, and the Cities Uſe? —— ha ——

Off. Are you mad, Sir, to think I cannot ſee a Gentleman Farmer and a Calaſh, from a Baker and a Cart?

Har. Drunk by this Day——and ſo early too? Oh you're a ſpecial Officer; unhand my Horſe, Sirrah, or you ſhall pay for all the Damage you do me.

Off. Hey day! here's a fine Cheat upon the Vice Roy; Sir, pay me, or I'll ſeize your Horſe.— [Har. *ſtrikes him. They ſcuffle a little.*

———Nay, and you be ſo brisk, I'll call the Clerk from his Office.

Calls.

Calls. ——Mr. Clerk, Mr. Clerk. [*Goes to the Entrance to call the Clerk, the mean time* Har. *whips a Frock over himself, and puts down the hind part of the Chariot, and then 'tis a Cart.*

Enter Clerk.

Cler. What's the matter here?——

Off. Here's a Fellow, Sir, will perſwade me, his Calaſh is a Cart, and refuſes the Cuſtoms for paſſing the Gate.

Cler. A Calaſh——Where?——I ſee only a Carter and his Cart. [*The Officer looks on him.*

Off. Ha,—What a Devil, was I blind?

Har. Mr. Clerk, I am a Baker, that come with Bread to ſell, and this Fellow here has ſtopt me this hour, and made me loſe the Sale of my Ware —— and being Drunk, will out-face me I am a Farmer, and this Cart a Calaſh.—

Cler. He's in an Errour Friend, paſs on——

Har. No Sir, I'll have ſatisfaction firſt, or the Vice-Roy ſhall know how he's ſerv'd by drunken Officers, that Nuiſance to a Civil Government.

Cler. What do you demand, Friend?

Har. Demand,——I demand a Crown, Sir.

Off. This is very hard—Mr. Clerk—If ever I ſaw in my Life, I thought I ſaw a Gentleman and a Calaſh.

Cler. Come, come, gratifie him, and ſee better hereafter.

Off. Here Sir,—If I muſt, I muſt— [*Gives him a Crown.*

Cler. Paſs on, Friend—— [*Ex.* Clerk. Har. *unſeen, puts up the Back of his Calaſh, and whips off his Frock, and goes to drive on,* The *Officer looks on him, and ſtops him again.*

Off. Hum, I'll ſwear it is a Calaſh——Mr. Clerk, Mr. Clerk, come back, come back—— [*Runs out to call him. He changes as before.*

Enter Officer *and* Clerk.

——Come Sir, let your own Eyes convince you, Sir.——

Cler. Convince me, of what, you Sott?

Off. That this is a Gentleman, and that a——ha,——
[*Looks about on* Har.

Cler. Stark Drunk, Sirrah! if you trouble me at every Miſtake of yours thus, you ſhall quit your Office.——

Off. I beg your Pardon, Sir, I am a little in Drink I confeſs, a little Blind and Mad——Sir,——This muſt be the Devil, that's certain. [*The Clerk goes out,* Har. *puts up his Calaſh again, and pulls off his Frock and drives out.*

——Well, now to my thinking, 'tis as plain a Calaſh again, as ever I ſaw in my Life, and yet I'm ſatisfy'd 'tis nothing but a Cart. [*Exit.*

SCENE changes to the Doctors Houſe.

The Hall.

Enter Scaramouch *in a Chair, which ſet down and open'd, on all ſides, and on the top repreſents an Apothecaries Shop, the Inſide being painted with Shelves and Rows of Pots and Bottles;* Scaramouch *ſitting in it dreſs'd in Black, with a ſhort black Cloak, a Ruff, and little Hat.*

Scar. THe Devil's in't, if either the Doctor, my Maſter, or *Mopſophil*, know me in this Diſguiſe——And thus I may not only gain my Miſtriſs, and out-wit *Harlequin*, but deliver the Ladies thoſe Letters from their Lovers, which I took out of his Pocket this Morning, and who wou'd ſuſpect an Apothecary for a Pimp.——Nor can the Jade *Mopſophil*, in Honour, refuſe a Perſon of my Gravity, and ſo well ſet up.——
[*Pointing to his Shop.*

——Hum, the Doctor here firſt, this is not ſo well, but I'm prepar'd with Impudence for all Encounters.

Enter

Enter the Doctor. Scaramouch *Salutes him gravely.*

———Most Reverend Doctor *Baliardo.*——— [*Bows.*

Doct. Seignior——— [*Bows.*

Scar. I might, through great Pusillanimity, blush——— to give you this Anxiety. Did I not opine you were as Gracious as Communitive and Eminent; and tho' you have no Cognisance of me, your Humble Servant,——— yet I have of you,——you being so greatly fam'd for your admirable Skill, both in Gallenical and Paracelsian *Phænomena's*, and other approv'd Felicities in Vulnerary Emeticks, and purgative Experiences.

Doct. Seignior,——your Opinion honours me——a rare Man this.

Scar. And though I am at present busied in writing—— those few Observations I have accumulated in my Peregrinations, Sir, yet the Ambition I aspir'd to, of being an Ocular and Aurial Witness of your Singularity, made me trespass on your sublimer Affairs.

Doct. Seignior.———

Scar. ——Besides a violent Inclination, Sir, of being initiated into the Denomination of your Learned Family, by the Conjugal Circumference of a Matrimonial Tye, with that singularly accomplish'd Person———Madam, the Governante of your Hostel.

Doct. Hum——A sweet-heart for *Mopsophil!* [*Aside.*

Scar. And if I may obtain your Condescension to my Hymenæal Propositions, I doubt not my Operation with the Fair One.

Doct. Seignior, she is much honour'd in the Overture, and my Abilities shall not be wanting to fix the Concord.

———But have you been a Traveller, Sir?

Scar. Without Circumlocutions, Sir, I have seen all the Regions beneath the Sun and Moon.

Doct. Moon, Sir! You never travell'd thither, Sir?

Scar. Not in *Propria Persona, Seignior*, but by speculation, I have, and made most considerable Remarques on

that

that incomparable *Terra Firma*, of which I have the compleatest Map in Christendom——and which *Gonzales* himself omitted in his *Cosmographia* of the *Lunar Mundus*.

Doct. A Map of the *Lunar Mundus*, Sir! May I crave the Honour of seeing it?

Scar. You shall, Sir, together with a Map of *Terra Incognita*, a great Rarety, indeed, Sir.

Enter Bellemante.

Doct. Jewels, Sir, worth a Kings Ransome.

Bell. Ha,——What Figure of a Thing have we here——Bantering my Credulous Uncle?——This must be some Scout sent from our *Forlorn Hope*, to discover the Enemy, and bring in fresh Intelligence.—Hum,—That Wink tipt me some Tidings, and she deserves not a good Look, who understands not the Language of the Eyes.——Sir, Dinner's on the Table.

Doct. Let it wait, I am imploy'd—— [*She creeps to the other side of* Scaramouch, *who makes Signs with his Hand to her.*

Bell. Ha,——'tis so,——This fellow has some Novel for us, some Letters or Instructions, but how to get it——

[*As* Scar. *talks to the* Doctor, *he takes the Letters by degrees out of his Pocket, and unseen, gives 'em* Bellemante *behind him.*

Doct. But this Map, Seignior; I protest you have fill'd me with Curiosity. Has it signify'd all things so exactly say you?

Scar. Omitted nothing, Seignior, no City, Town, Village or Villa; no Castle, River, Bridge, Lake, Spring or Mineral.

Doct. Are any, Sir, of those admirable Mineral Waters there, so frequent in our World?

Scar. In abundance, Sir, the Famous *Garamanteen*, a young *Italian*, Sir, lately come from thence, gives an account of an excellent *Scaturigo*, that has lately made an Ebulation there, in great Reputation with the Lunary Ladies.

Doct.

Doct. Indeed, Sir I be pleas'd, Seignior, to ſolve me ſome Queries that may enodo ſome apperences of the Virtue of the Water you ſpeak of.

Scar. Pox upon him, what Queſtions he asks——— but I muſt on——Why Sir, you muſt know,——the Tincture of this Water upon Stagnation, Ceruberates, and the *Crocus* upon the Stones Flaveces, this he obſerves to be, Sir, the Indication of a Generous Water.

Doct. Hum——— [*Gravely Nodding.*

Scar. Now, Sir, be pleas'd to obſerve the three Regions, if they be bright, without doubt *Mars* is powerful; if the middle Region or Camera be palled, *Filia Solis* is breeding.

Doct. Hum.

Scar. And then the third Region, if the Faces be volatil, the Birth will ſoon come in *Balneo.* This I obſerved alſo in the Laboratory of that Ingenious Chymiſt *Lyſidono*, and with much Pleaſure animadverted that Mineral of the ſame Zenith and Nader, of that now ſo famous Water in *England*, near that famous Metropolis, call'd *Iſlington.*

Doct. Seignior———

Scar. For, Sir, upon the Infuſion, the Crows Head immediately procures the Seal of *Hermes*, and had not *Lac Virginis* been too ſoon ſuck'd up, I believe we might have ſeen the Conſummation of *Amalgena.*

[Bellemante *having got her Letters, goes off. She makes Signs to him to ſtay a little. He Nods.*

Doct. Moſt likely, Sir.

Scar. But, Sir, this *Garamantaen* relates the ſtrangeſt Operation of a Mineral in the Lunar World, that ever I heard of.

Doct. As how, I pray, Sir?

Scar. Why, Sir, a Water impregnated to a Circulation with *Fema Materia*; upon my Honour, Sir, the ſtrongeſt I ever drank of.

Doct. How, Sir! did you drink of it?

Scar. I only ſpeak the words of *Garamantaen*, Sir.——Pox on him, I ſhall be trapt. [*Aſide.*

Doct. Cry Mercy, Sir.——— [*Bows.*

Scar.

Scar. The Lunary Physicians, Sir, call it *Urinam Vulcani*, it Calibrates every one Excrements more or less according to the Gradus of the Natural Calor. ——— To my Knowledge, Sir, a Batch of a very fiery Constitution, is grown very Opulent by drinking these Waters.

Doct. How, Sir, grown Rich by drinking the Waters, and to your Knowledge?

Scar. The Devil's in my Tongue, to my Knowledge, Sir, for what a man of Honour relates, I may safely affirm.

Doct. Excuse me, Seignior ——— [*Puts off his Hat again gravely.*

Scar. For, Sir, conceive me how he grew Rich, since he drank those Waters he never buys any Iron, but hammers it out of *Stercus Proprius.*

Enter Bellemante *with a Billet.*

Bell. Sir, 'tis three a Clock, and Dinner will be cold.— [*Goes behind* Scaramouch, *and gives him the Note, and goes out.*

Doct. I come Sweet-heart; but this is wonderful.

Scar. Ay, Sir, and if at any time Nature be too infirm, and he prove Costive, he has no more to do, but to apply a Load-stone *ad Anum.*

Doct. Is't possible?

Scar. Most true, Sir, and that facilitates the Journey *per Viscera.* ——— But I detain you, Sir, another time ——— Sir, ——— I will now only beg the Honour of a Word or two with the Governante, before I go. ———

Doct. Sir, she shall wait on you, and I shall be proud of the Honour of your Conversation.— [*They bow. Exit* Doctor.

Enter to him Harlequin, *dress'd like a Farmer, as before.*

Har. Hum ——— What have we here, a Taylor or a Tumbler?

Scar.

Scar. Ha——Who's this?——Hum——What if it shou'd be the Farmer that the Doctor has promis'd *Mopſophil* to? My Heart miſgives me. [*They look at each other a while.* Who wou'd you ſpeak with, Friend?

Har. This is, perhaps, my Rival, the Apothecary.——Speak with, Sir, why, what's that to you?

Scar. Have you Affairs with Seignior Doctor, Sir?

Har. It may be I have, it may be I have not. What then, Sir?——

While they ſeem in angry Diſpute, Enter Mopſophil.

Mop. Seignior Doctor tells me I have a Lover waits me, ſure it muſt be the Farmer or the Apothecary. No matter which, ſo a Lover, that welcomeſt man alive. I am reſolv'd to take the firſt good Offer, tho' but in Revenge of *Harlequin* and *Scaramouch*, for puting Tricks upon me.——Ha,——Two of 'em!

Scar. My Miſtriſs here! [*They both Bow and Advance, both putting each other by.*

Mop. Hold Gentlemen,——do not worry me. Which of you wou'd ſpeak with me?

Both. I, I, I, Madam——

Mop. Both of you?

Both. No, Madam, I, I.

Mop. If both Lovers, you are both welcome, but let's have fair Play, and take your turns to ſpeak.

Har. Ay, Seignior, 'tis moſt uncivil to interrupt me.

Scar. And diſingenious, Sir, to intrude on me.

[*Putting one another by.*

Mop. Let me then ſpeak firſt.

Har. I'm Dumb.

Scar. I Acquieſce.

Mop. I was inform'd there was a Perſon here had Propoſitions of Marriage to make me.

Har. That's I, that's I—— [*Shoves* Scar. *away.*

Scar. And I attend to that conſequential *Finis.* [*Shoves* Har. *away.*

Har. I know not what you mean by your *Finis*, Seignior, but I am come to offer my ſelf this Gentlewomans Servant, her Lover, her Husband, her Dog in a Halter, or any thing.

Scar. Him I pronounce a Paltroon, and an Ignominious Utenſil, that dares lay claim to the Renowned Lady of my *Primum Mobile*; that is, my beſt Affections.——

[*In Rage.*

Har. I fear not your hard Words, Sir, but dare aloud pronounce, if *Donna Mopſophil* like me, the Farmer, as well as I like her, 'tis a Match, and my Chariot is ready at the Gate to bear her off, d'ye ſee.——

Mop. Ah, how that Chariot pleads.—— [*Aſide.*

Scar. And I pronounce, that being intoxicated with the ſweet Eyes of this refulgent Lady, I come to tender her my nobleſt Particulars, being already moſt advantageouſly ſet up with the circumſtantial Implements of my Occupation. [*Points to the Shop.*

Mop. A City Apothecary, a moſt Gentile Calling—— Which ſhall I chuſe?——Seignior Apothecary, I'll not expoſtulate the Circumſtantial Reaſons that have occaſion'd me this Honour.——

Scar. Incomparable Lady, the Elegancy of your Repertees moſt excellently denote the Profundity of your Capacity.

Har. What the Devil's all this? Good Mr. *Conjurer* ſtand by——and don't fright the Gentlewoman with your Elegant Profondities. [*Puts him by.*

Scar. How, a Conjurer! I will chaſtiſe thy vulgar Ignorance, that yclips a Philoſopher a Conjurer. [*In Rage.*

Har. Loſaphers!——Prethee, if thou be'ſt a Man, ſpeak like a Man——then

Scar. Why, What do I ſpeak like? What do I ſpeak like?

Har. What do you ſpeak like——why you ſpeak like a Wheel-Barrow.

Scar. How!——

Har. And how. [*They come up cloſe together at half Sword Parry; ſtare on each other for a while, then put up and bow to each other civilly.*

Mop.

Mop. Thats well Gentlemen, let's have all Peace, while I ſurvey you both, and ſee which likes me beſt.

[*She goes between 'em, and ſurveys 'em both, they making ridiculous Bows on both ſides, and Grimaces the while.*

——ha,——now on my Conſcience, my two fooliſh Lovers,——*Harlequin* and *Scaramouch*; how are my Hopes defeated?——but Faith I'll fit you both. [*She views 'em both.*

Scar. So, ſhe's conſidering ſtill, I ſhall be the happy Dog. [*Aſide.*

Har. She's taking aim, ſhe cannot chuſe but like me beſt. [*Aſide.*

Scar. Well, Madam, how does my Perſon propagate. [*Bowing and Smiling.*

Mop. Faith Seignior, now I look better on you, I do not like your Phiſnomy ſo well as your Intellects; you diſcovering ſome Circumſtantial Symptoms that ever denote a Villainous Inconſtancy.

Scar. Ah, you are pleas'd, Madam.——

Mop. You are miſtaken, Seignior, I am diſpleas'd at your Gray Eyes, and Black Eye-brows and Beard, I never knew a Man with thoſe Signs, true to his Miſtriſs or his Friend. And I wou'd ſooner wed that Scoundrel *Scaramouch*, that very civil Pimp, that meer pair of Chymical Bellows that blow the Doctors projecting Fires, that Deputy-Urinal Shaker, that very Guzman of *Salamanca*, than a Fellow of your infallible *Signum Mallis.*

Har. Ha, ha, ha,——you have your Anſwer, Seignior Friskin——and may ſhut up your Shop and be gone.——Ha, ha, ha.——

Sca. Hum, ſure the Jade knows me—— [*Aſide.*

Mop. And as for you, Seignior.

Har. Ha, Madam—— [*Bowing and Smiling.*

Mop. Thoſe Lanthorn Jaws of yours, with that moſt villainous Sneer and Grin, and a certain fierce Aire of your Eyes, looks altogether moſt Fanatically——which with your notorious Whey Beard, are certain Signs of Knavery and Cowardice; therefore I'd rather wed that Spider *Harlequin*, that Sceliton Buffoon, that Ape of Man, that Jack of

Lent, that very Top, that's of no use, but when 'tis whipt and lasht, that pitious Property I'd rather wed than thee.

Har. A very fair Declaration———

Mop. you understand me——and so adieu sweet Glisterpipe, and Seignior dirty Boots, Ha, ha, ha.— [*Runs out.*

[*They stand looking simply on each other, without speaking a while.*

Scar. That I shou'd not know that Rogue *Harlequin.* [*Aside.*

Har. That I shou'd take this Fool for a Physician. [*Aside.*

———How long have you commenc'd Apothecary, Seignior?

Scar. Ever since you turn'd Farmer.——Are not you a damn'd Rogue to put these Tricks upon me, and most dishonorably break all Articles between us?

Har. And are not you a damn'd Son of a———something——to break Articles with me?

Scar. No more Words, Sir, no more words, I find it must come to Action,——Draw.——— [*Draws.*

Har. Draw,—so I can draw, Sir.——— [*Draws.*

They make a ridiculous cowardly Fight. Enter the Doctor, *which they seeing, come on with more Courage. He runs between, and with his Cane beats the Swords down.*

Doct. Hold—hold——What mean you Gentlemen?

Scar. Let me go, Sir, I am provok'd beyond measure, Sir.

Doct. You must excuse me, Seignior———

[*Parlies with* Harlequin.

Scar. I dare not discover the Fool for his Masters Sake, and it may spoil our Intrigue anon; besides, he'll then discover me, and I shall be discarded for bantering the Doctor. [*Aside.*

———A Man of Honour to be so basely affronted here.——— [*The Doctor comes to appease* Scaramouch.

Har. Shou'd I discover this Rascal, he wou'd tell the Old Gentleman I was the same that attempted his House

to

to day in Womans Cloths, and I shou'd be kick'd and beaten most unsatiably.

Scar. What, Seignior, for a man of Parts to be impos'd upon,——and whipt through the Lungs here——like a Mountebanks Zany for Pharn Cures——Mr. Doctor, I must tell you 'tis not Civil.

Doct. I am extreamly sorry for it, Sir,——and you shall see how I will have this Fellow handled for the Affront to a Person of your Gravity, and in my House——Here *Pedro*, o——

Enter Pedro.

——Take this Intruder, or bring some of your Fellows hither, and toss him in a Blanket—— [*Ex.* Pedro. Har. *going to creep away*, Scar. *holds him.*

Har. Hark ye,— bring me off, or I'll discover all your Intrigue. [*Aside to him.*

Scar. Let me alone——

Doct. I'll warrant you some Rogue that has some Plot on my Neece and Daughter.——

Scar. No, no, Sir, he comes to impose the grossest Lye upon you, that ever was heard of.

Enter Pedro *with others, with a Blanket. They put* Har. *into it, and toss him.*

Har. Hold, hold,——I'll confess all, rather than indure it.

Doct. Hold,——What will you confess, Sir. [*He comes out. Makes sick Faces.*

Scar. ——That he's the greatest Impostor in Nature. Wou'd you think it, Sir? he pretends to be no less than an Ambassador from the Emperor of the Moon, Sir——

Doct. Ha,——Ambassador from the Emperor of the Moon—— [*Pulls off his Hat.*

Scar. Ay, Sir, thereupon I laugh'd, thereupon he grew angry,——I laugh'd at his Resentment, and thereupon we drew——and this was the high Quarrel, Sir.

Doct.

Doct. Hum,—Ambaſſador from the Moon. [*Pauſes.*

Scar. I have brought you off, manage him as well as you can.

Har. Brought me off, yes, out of the Frying-Pan into the Fire. Why, how the Devil ſhall I act an Ambaſſador? [*Aſide.*

Doct. It muſt be ſo, for how ſhou'd either of theſe know I expected that Honour? [*He addreſſes him with profound Civility to* Har.

Sir, if the Figure you make, approaching ſo near ours of this World, have made us commit any undecent Indignity to your high Character, you ought to pardon the Frailty of our Mortal Education and Ignorance, having never before been bleſt with the Deſcention of any from your World.———

Har. What the Devil ſhall I ſay now? [*Aſide.*

——I confeſs, I am as you ſee by my Garb, Sir, a little *Incognito*, becauſe the Publick Meſſage I bring, is very private———which is, that the mighty *Iredonozor*, Emperor of the Moon——with his moſt worthy Brother, the Prince of *Thunderland*, intend to Sup with you to Night—Therefore be ſure you get good Wine.———Tho' by the way let me tell you, 'tis for the Sake of your Fair Daughter.

Scar. I'll leave the Rogue to his own Management.—I preſume, by your whiſpering, Sir, you wou'd be private, and humbly beging Pardon, take my Leave.

[*Ex.* Scaramouch.

Har. You have it Friend. Does your Neece and Daughter Drink, Sir?

Doct. Drink, Sir?

Har. Ay, Sir, Drink hard.

Doct. Do the Women of your World drink hard, Sir?

Har. According to their Quality, Sir, more or leſs; the greater the Quality, the more Profuſe the Quantity.

Doct. Why that's juſt as 'tis here; but your Men of Quality, your States-men, Sir, I preſume they are Sober, Learned and Wiſe.

Har.

Har. Faith, no, Sir, but they are, for the moſt part, what's as good, very Proud, and promiſing, Sir, moſt liberal of their Word to every fauning Suiter, to purchaſe the ſtate of long Attendance, and cringing as they paſs; but the Devil of a Performance, without you get the Knack of bribing in the right Place and Time; but yet they all defy it, Sir.———

Doct. Juſt, juſt as 'tis here.

———But pray Sir, How do theſe Great Men live with their Wives.

Har. Moſt Nobly, Sir, my Lord keeps his Coach, my Lady, hers; my Lord his Bed, my Lady hers; and very rarely ſee one another, unleſs they chance to meet in a Viſit, in the *Park*, the *Mall*, the *Toore*, or at the *Baſſet-Table*, where they civilly Salute and part, he to his Miſtriſs, ſhe to play.

Doct. Good lack! juſt as 'tis here.

Har. ———Where, if ſhe chance to loſe her Money, rather than give out, ſhe borrows of the next Amorous Coxcomb, who, from that Minute, hopes, and is ſure to be paid again one way or other, the next kind Opportunity.

Doct.———Juſt as 'tis here.

Har. As for the young Fellows that have Money, they have no Mercy upon their own Perſons, but wearing Nature off as faſt as they can, Swear, and Whore and Drink, and Borrow as long any Rooking Citizen will lend, till having dearly purchaſed the Heroick Title of a Bully or a Sharper, they live pity'd of their Friends, and deſpis'd by their Whores, and depart this Tranſitory World, diverſe and ſundry ways.

Doct. Juſt, juſt, as 'tis here!

Har. As for the Citizen, Sir, the Courtier lies with his Wife, he, in revenge, cheats him of his Eſtate, till Rich enough to marry his Daughter to a Courtier, again give him all———unleſs his Wives Over-Gallantry break him; and thus the World runs round.———

Doct. The very ſame 'tis here.———Is there no preferment, Sir, for Men of Parts and Merit?

Har.

Har. Parts and Merit? What's that? a Livery, or the handsome tying a Cravat, for the great Men prefer none but their Foot-men and Vallets.

Doct. By my Troth, just as 'tis here.

—— Sir, I find you are a Person of most profound Intelligence—under Favour, Sir,—Are you a Native of the Moon or this World. ——

Har. The Devils in him for hard Questions.

——— I am a *Naopolitan*, Sir.

Doct. Sir, I Honour you; good luck, my Countryman! How got you to the Region of the Moon, Sir?

Har. —A plaguy inquisitive old Fool———

——Why, Sir,——Pox on't, what shall I say?——— I being——one day in a musing Melancholy, walking by the Sea-side——there arose, Sir, a great Mist, by the Suns exhaling of the Vapours of the Earth, Sir.

Doct. Right, Sir.

Har. In this Fog or Mist, Sir, I was exhal'd.

Doct. The Exalations of the Sun, draw you to the Moon, Sir?

Har. I am condemn'd to the Blanket again.——I say, Sir, I was exhal'd up, but in my way——being too heavy, was dropt into the Sea.

Doct. How, Sir, into the Sea?

Har. The Sea, Sir, where the Emperors Fisher-man casting his Nets, drew me up, and took me for a strange and monstrous Fish, Sir,——and as such, presented me to his Mightiness,——who going to have me Spitchcock'd for his own eating.——

Doct. How, Sir, eating?——

Har. What did me I, Sir, (Life being sweet) but fall on my Knees, and besought his Gloriousness not to eat me, for I was no Fish but a Man; he ask'd me of what Country, I told him of *Naples*; whereupon the Emperor overjoy'd ask'd me if I knew that most Reverend and most Learned Doctor *Baltardo*, and his fair Daughter. I told him I did: whereupon he made me his Bed-fellow, and the Confident to his Amour to Seigniora *Elaria*.

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Doct. I'm in a Rapture —— How ſhall I pay my Gratitude for this great Negotiation?——but as I may, I humbly offer, Sir.—— [*Preſents him with a Rich Ring and a Purſe of Gold.*

Har. Sir, as an Honour done the Emperor, I take your Ring and Gold. I muſt go meet his Highneſs.——

[*Takes Leave.*

Enter to him Scaramouch, *as himſelf.*

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Doct. Ha,——ſaw'ſt thou ought deſcending in the Air?

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Enter Elaria, Bellemante, Mopſophil, *dreſs'd in rich Antick Habits.*

Ela. Sir, we are dreſs'd as you commanded us, What is your farther Pleaſure?

Doct. ——It well becomes the Honour you're deſign'd for, this Night to wed two Princes——come with me and know your happy Fates. [*Ex.* Doctor *and* Scar.

Ela. Bleſs me! My Father, in all the reſt of his Diſcourſe, ſhows ſo much Senſe and Reaſon, I cannot think him mad, but feigns all this to try us.

Bell. Not Mad! Marry Heaven forbid, thou art always creating Fears to ſtartle one; why, if he be not mad, his want of Sleep this eight and forty hours, the Noiſe of ſtrange unheard of Inſtruments, with the Fantaſtick Splendor of the unuſual Sight, will ſo turn his Brain and dazle him, that in Grace of Goodneſs, he may be Mad: If he be not;——come, let's after him to the Gallery, for I long to ſee in what ſhowing Equipage our Princely Lovers will addreſs to us. [*Exeunt.*

SCENE The Laſt.

The Gallery richly adorn'd with Scenes and Lights.

Enter Doctor, Elaria, Bellemante, *and* Mopſophil. *Soft Muſick is heard.*

Bell. HA——Heavens! what's here?——what Palace is this?——No part of our Houſe, I'm ſure.——

Ela. 'Tis rather the Apartment of ſome Monarch.

Doct. I'm all amazement too, but muſt not ſhow my Ignorance.——Yes, *Elaria*, this is prepar'd to entertain two Princes.

Bell.

Bell. Are you ſure on't, Sir? are we not, think you, in that World above, I often heard you ſpeak of? in the Moon, Sir?

Doct. How ſhall I reſolve her?——For ought I know, we are. [*Aſide.*

Ela. Sure, Sir, 'tis ſome Inchantment.

Doct Let not thy Female Ignorance prophane the higheſt Myſteries of Natural Philoſophy: To Fools it ſeems Inchantment——but I've a Senſe can reach it,——ſit and expect the Event.——Hark——I am amaz'd, but muſt conceal my Wonder——that Joy of Fools——and appear wiſe in Gravity.

Bell. Whence comes this charming Sound, Sir?

Doct. From the Spheres——it is familiar to me.

The Scene in the Front draws off, and ſhews the Hill of Parnaſſus; *a noble large Walk of Trees leading to it, with eight or ten Negroes upon Pedeſtals, rang'd on each ſide of the Walks. Next* Keplair *and* Gallileus *deſcend on each ſide, oppoſite to each other, in Chariots, with Perſpectives in their Hands, as viewing the Machine of the Zodiack. Soft Muſick plays ſtill.*

Doct. Methought I ſaw the Figure of two Men deſcend from yonder Cloud, on yonder Hill.

Ela. I thought ſo too, but they are diſappear'd, and the wing'd Chariot's fled.

Enter Keplair *and* Gallileus.

Bell. See, Sir, they approach.—— [*The Doctor riſes and Bows.*

Kep. Moſt Reverend Sir, we, from the upper World, thus low ſalute you.——*Keplair* and *Gallileus* we are call'd, ſent as Interpreters to Great *Iredonozor*, the Emperor of the Moon, who is deſcending.

Doct. Moſt Reverend Bards——profound Philoſophers——thus low I bow to pay my humble Gratitude.

Kep. The Emperor, Sir, ſalutes you, and your fair Daughter.

Gall. And, Sir, the Prince of *Thunderland* ſalutes you, and your fair Neece.

Doct. Thus low I fall to thank their Royal Goodneſs.

[*Kneels. They take him up.*

Bell. Came you, moſt Reverend Bards, from the Moon World?

Kep. Moſt Lovely Maid, we did.

Doct. May I preſume to ask the manner how?

Kep. By Cloud, Sir, through the Regions of the Air, down to the fam'd *Parnaſſus*; thence by Water, along the River *Helicon*, the reſt by Poſt, upon two wing'd Eagles.

Doct. Sir, are there ſtore of our World inhabiting the Moon?

Kep. Oh, of all Nations, Sir, that lie beneath it in the Emperors Train! Sir, you will behold abundance; look up and ſee the Orbal World deſcending; obſerve the Zodiack, Sir, with her twelve Signs.

[*Next the Zodiack deſcends, a Symphony playing all the while; when it is landed, it delivers the twelve Signs: Then the Song, the Perſons of the Zodiack being the Singers. After which, the Negroes Dance and mingle in the* Chorus.

A Song for the Zodiack.

LET murmuring Lovers no longer Repine,
But their Hearts and their Voices advance;
Let the Nimphs and the Swains in the kind Chorus joyn,
And the Satyrs and Fauns in a Dance.
Let nature put on her Beauty of May,
And the Fields and the Meadows adorn;
Let the Woods and the Mountains reſound with the Joy,
And the Echoes their Triumph return.

Chorus.

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For since Love wore his Darts,
And Virgins grew Coy;
Since these wounded Hearts,
And those cou'd destroy.
There ne'er was more Cause for your Triumphs and Joy.

Hark, hark, the Musick of the Spheres,
Some Wonder approaching declares;
Such, such, as has not blest your Eyes and Ears
This thousand, thousand, thousand years.
See, see what the Force of Love can make,
Who rules in Heaven, in Earth and Sea;
Behold how he commands the Zodiack,
While the fixt Signs unhinging all obey.
Not one of which, but represents
The Attributes of Love,
Who governs all the Elements
In Harmony above.

Chorus.

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And Virgins grew Coy;
Since these wounded Hearts,
And those cou'd destroy,
There ne'er was more Cause for your Triumphs and Joy.

The wanton Aries *first descends,*
To show the Vigor and the Play,
Beginning Love, beginning Love attends,
When the young Passion is all-over Joy,
He bleats his soft Pain to the fair curled Throng,
And he leaps, and he bounds, and Loves all the day long.

At once Loves Courage and his Slavery
In Taurus *is expreſs'd,*
Tho' o're the Plains he Conqueror be,
The Generous Beaſt
Does to the Yoak ſubmit his Noble Breaſt,
While Gemini *ſmiling and twining of Arms,*
Shows Loves ſoft Indearments and Charms.
And Cancer's *ſlow Motion the degrees do expreſs,*
Reſpectful Love arrives to Happineſs.
Leo *his Strength and Majeſty,*
Virgo *his bluſhing Modeſty,*
And Libra *all his Equity.*
His Subtilty does Scorpio *ſhow,*
And Sagittarius *all his looſe deſire,*
By Capricorn *his forward Humour know,*
And Aqua. *Lovers Tears that raiſe his Fire,*
While Piſces, *which intwin'd do move,*
Show the ſoft Play, and wanton Arts of Love.

Chorus.

For ſince Love wore his Darts,
And Virgins grew Coy,
Since theſe wounded Hearts,
And thoſe cou'd deſtroy,
There ne'er was more Cauſe for Triumphs and Joy.

——See how ſhe turns, and ſends her Signs to Earth.—Behold the Ram ——*Aries*——ſee *Taurus* next deſcends; then *Gemini*——ſee how the Boys embrace——Next *Cancer*, then *Leo*, then the *Virgin*; next to her *Libra*——*Scorpio*, *Sagittary*, *Capricorn*, *Aquarius*,——*Piſces*. This eight thouſand years no Emperor has deſcended, but *Incognito*, but when he does, to make his Journey more Magnificent, the Zodiack, Sir, attends him.

Doct. 'Tis all amazing, Sir.

Kep.

Key. Now, Sir, behold, the Globick World descends two thousand Leagues below its wonted Station, to show Obedience to its proper Monarch.

[*After which, the Globe of the Moon appears, first, like a new Moon; as it moves forward it increases, till it comes to the Full. When it is descended, it opens, and shews the Emperor and the Prince. They come forth with all their Train, the Flutes playing a Symphony before him, which prepares the Song. Which ended, the Dancers mingle as before.*

A SONG.

ALL Joy to Mortals, Joy and Mirth
Eternal IO'S sing;
The Gods of Love descend to Earth,
Their Darts have lost the Sting.
The Youth shall now complain no more
On Silvia's *needless Scorn,*
But she shall love, if he adore,
And melt when he shall burn.

The Nimph no longer shall be shy,
But leave the jilting Road;
And Daphne *now no more shall fly*
The wounded panting God;
But all shall be Serene and fair,
No sad Complaints of Love
Shall fill the Gentle whispering Air,
No echoing Sighs the Grove.

Beneath the Shades young Strephon *lies,*
Of all his Wish possess'd;
Gazing on Silvia's *charming Eyes,*
Whose Soul is there confess'd.
All soft and sweet the Maid appears,
With Looks that know no Art,
And though she yields with trembling Fears,
She yields with all her Heart.

——See, Sir, the Cloud of Foreigners appears, *French*, *English*, *Spaniards*, *Danes*, *Turks*, *Russians*, *Indians*, and the nearer Climes of Christendom; and lastly, Sir, behold the mighty Emperor.——

[*A Chariot appears, made like a Half Moon, in which is* Cinthio *for the Emperor, richly dress'd and* Charmante *for the Prince, rich, with a good many Heroes attending.* Cinthio's *Train born by four Cupids. The Song continues while they descend and land. They address themselves to* Elaria *and* Bellemante.——*Doctor fallson his Face, the rest bow very low as they pass. They make signs to* Keplair.

Kep. The Emperor wou'd have you rise, Sir, he will expect no Ceremony from the Father of his Mistris.

[*Takes him up.*

Doct. I cannot, Sir, behold his Mightiness——the Splendor of his Majesty confounds me——

Kep. You must be moderate, Sir, it is expected.

[*The two Lovers make all the Signs of Love in dumb show to the Ladies, while the soft Musick plays again from the End of the Song.*——

Doct. Shall I not have the Joy to hear their Heavenly Voices, Sir?

Kep. They never speak to any Subject, Sir, when they appear in Royalty, but by Interpreters, and that by way of Stentraphon, in manner of the Delphick Oracles.

Doct. Any way, so I may hear the Sence of what they wou'd say.

Kep. No doubt you will——But see the Emperor commands by signs his Foreigners to dance——.

[*Soft Musick changes.*

[*A very Antick Dance. The Dance ended, the Front Scene draws off, and shows a Temple, with an Altar, one speaking through a Stentraphon from behind it. Soft Musick plays the while.*

Kep. Most Learned Sir, the Emperor now is going to declare himself, according to his Custom, to his Subjects. Listen.——

Sten.

Sten. Most Reverend Sir, whose Vertue did incite us,
Whose Daughters Charms did more invite us;
We come to grace her with that Honour,
That never Mortal yet had done her,
Once only, *Jove* was known in Story,
To visit *Semele* in Glory.
But fatal 'twas, he so enjoy'd her,
Her own ambitious Flame destroy'd her.
His Charms too fierce for Flesh and Blood,
She dy'd embracing of her God.
We gentler marks of Passion give,
The Maid we love, shall love and live;
Whom visibly we thus will grace,
Above the rest of human Race.
Say, is't your Will that we shou'd Wed her,
And nightly in Disguises Bed her.

Doct. The Glory is too great for Mortal Wife.
[*Kneels with Transport.*

Sten. What then remains, but that we consummate
This happy Marriage in our splendid State?

Doct. Thus low I kneel, in thanks for this great Blessing.

[Cinthio *takes* Elaria *by the Hand*; Charmante, Bellemante; *two of the Singers in white being Priests, they lead 'em to the Altar, the whole Company dividing on either side. Where, while a Hymeneal Song is sung, the Priest joyns their Hands. The Song ended, and they Marry'd, they come forth; but before they come forward,——two Chariots descend, one on one side above, and the other on the other side; in which, is* Harlequin *dress'd like a Mock Hero, with others, and* Scaramouch *in the other, dress'd so in Helmets.*

Scar. Stay mighty Emperor, and vouchsafe to be the Umpire of our Difference. [Cinthio *signs to* Keplair.

Kep. What are you?

Scar. Two neighbouring Princes to your vast Dominion.

Har. Knights of the Sun, our Honourable Titles.
And fight for that fair Mortal, *Mopsophil.*

——See, Sir, the Cloud of Foreigners appears, *French, English, Spaniards, Danes, Turks, Ruſſians, Indians,* and the nearer Climes of Chriſtendom; and laſtly, Sir, behold the mighty Emperor.——

[*A Chariot appears, made like a Half Moon, in which is* Cinthio *for the Emperor, richly dreſs'd and* Charmante *for the Prince, rich, with a good many Heroes attending.* Cinthio's *Train born by four Cupids. The Song continues while they deſcend and land. They addreſs themſelves to* Elaria *and* Bellemante.——*Doctor fallson his Face, the reſt bow very low as they paſs. They make ſigns to* Keplair.

Kep. The Emperor wou'd have you riſe, Sir, he will expect no Ceremony from the Father of his Miſtriſs.

[*Takes him up.*

Doct. I cannot, Sir, behold his Mightineſs——the Splendor of his Majeſty confounds me——

Kep. You muſt be moderate, Sir, it is expected.

[*The two Lovers make all the Signs of Love in dumb ſhow to the Ladies, while the ſoft Muſick plays again from the End of the Song.*——

Doct. Shall I not have the Joy to hear their Heavenly Voices, Sir?

Kep. They never ſpeak to any Subject, Sir, when they appear in Royalty, but by Interpreters, and that by way of Stentraphon, in manner of the Delphick Oracles.

Doct. Any way, ſo I may hear the Sence of what they wou'd ſay.

Kep. No doubt you will——But ſee the Emperor commands by ſigns his Foreigners to dance——

[*Soft Muſick changes.*

[*A very Antick Dance. The Dance ended, the Front Scene draws off, and ſhows a Temple, with an Altar, one ſpeaking thorugh a Stentraphon from behind it. Soft Muſick plays the while.*

Kep. Moſt Learned Sir, the Emperor now is going to declare himſelf, according to his Cuſtom, to his Subjects. Liſten.—— *Sten.*

Sten. Most Reverend Sir, whose Vertue did incite us,
Whose Daughters Charms did more invite us;
We come to grace her with that Honour,
That never Mortal yet had done her,
Once only, *Jove* was known in Story,
To visit *Semele* in Glory.
But fatal 'twas, he so enjoy'd her,
Her own ambitious Flame destroy'd her.
His Charms too fierce for Flesh and Blood,
She dy'd embracing of her God.
We gentler marks of Passion give,
The Maid we love, shall love and live;
Whom visibly we thus will grace,
Above the rest of human Race.
Say, is't your Will that we shou'd Wed her,
And nightly in Disguises Bed her.

Doct. The Glory is too great for Mortal Wife.

[*Kneels with Transport.*

Sten. What then remains, but that we consummate
This happy Marriage in our splendid State?

Doct. Thus low I kneel, in thanks for this great Blessing.

[Cinthio *takes* Elaria *by the Hand*; Charmante, Bellemante; *two of the Singers in white being Priests, they lead 'em to the Altar, the whole Company dividing on either side. Where, while a Hymeneal Song is sung, the Priest joyns their Hands. The Song ended, and they Marry'd, they come forth; but before they come forward,——two Chariots descend, one on one side above, and the other on the other side; in which, is* Harlequin *dress'd like a Mock Hero, with others, and* Scaramouch *in the other, dress'd so in Helmets.*

Scar. Stay mighty Emperor, and vouchsafe to be the Umpire of our Difference. [Cinthio *signs to* Keplair.

Kep. What are you?

Scar. Two neighbouring Princes to your vast Dominion.

Har. Knights of the Sun, our Honourable Titles.
And fight for that fair Mortal, *Mopsophil.*

Mop. Bless us!——my two precious Lovers, I'll warrant; well, I had better take up with one of them, than lye alone to Night.

Scar. Long as two Rivals we have Lov'd and Hop'd,
Both equally endeavour'd, and both fail'd.
At last by joynt Consent, we both agreed
To try our Titles by the Dint of Lance,
And chose your Mightiness for Arbitrator.

Kep. The Emperor gives Consent.——

[*They both, all arm'd with gilded Lances and Shields of Black, with Golden Suns painted. The Musick plays a fighting Tune. They fight at Barriers, to the Tune.*——Harlequin *is often Foil'd, but advances still; at last* Scaramouch *throws him, and is Conqueror; all give Judgment for him.*

Kep. The Emperor pronounces you are Victor.——

[*To* Scar.

Doct. Receive your Mistriss, Sir, as the Reward of your undoubted Valour—— [*Presents* Mopsophil.

Scar. Your humble Servant, Sir, and *Scaramouch*, returns you humble Thanks.—— [*Puts off his Helmet.*

Doct. Ha,——*Scaramouch*—— [*Bawls out, and falls in a Chair. They all go to him.*

My Heart misgives me——Oh, I am undone and cheated every way.—— [*Bawling out.*

Kep. Be patient, Sir, and call up all your Vertue,
You're only cur'd, Sir, of a Disease
That long has raign'd over your Nobler Faculties.
Sir, I am your Physician, Friend and Counsellor;
It was not in the Power of Herbs or Minerals,
Of Reason, common Sense, and right Religion,
To draw you from an Error that unman'd you.

Doct. I will be Patient, Gentlemen, and hear you.
——Are not you *Ferdinand*?

Kep. I am,——and these are Gentlemen of Quality,
That long have lov'd your Daughter and your Neece.
Don Cinthio this, and this *Don Charmante*,
The *Vice-Roys* Nephews, both.——
Who found as men——'twas impossible to enjoy 'em,
And therefore try'd this Stratagem.—— *Cin.*

Cin. Sir, I beſeech you, mitigate your Grief,
Altho' indeed we are but mortal men,
Yet we ſhall Love you,— Serve you, and obey you —
Doct. Are not you then the Emperor of the Moon?
And you the Prince of *Thunderland*?
Cin. There's no ſuch Perſon, Sir.
Theſe Stories are the Fantoms of mad Brains,
To puzzle Fools withal—the Wiſe laugh at 'em,———
———Come Sir, you ſhall no longer be impos'd upon.
Doct. No Emperor of the Moon,—and no Moon World!
Char. Rediculous Inventions.
If we'd not lov'd you, you'd been ſtill impos'd on;
We had brought a Scandal on your Learned Name,
And all ſucceeding Ages had deſpis'd it. [*He leaps up.*
Doct. Burn all my Books, and let my Study Blaze,
Burn all to Aſhes, and be ſure the Wind
Scatter the vile Contagious Monſtrous Leys.
———Moſt Noble Youths — you've honour'd me with your Alliance, and you, and all your Friends, Aſſiſtances in this Glorious Miracle, I invite to Night to revel with me. ——Come all and ſee my happy Recantation of all the Follies Fables have inſpir'd till now. Be pleaſant to repeat your Story, to tell me by what kind degrees you Cozen'd me ——
I ſee there's nothing in Philoſophy——— [*Gravely to himſelf.*
Of all that writ, he was the wiſeſt Bard, who ſpoke this mighty Truth.——
" He that knew all that ever Learning writ,
" Knew only this——that he knew nothing yet.

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EPILOGUE.

To be ſpoken by Mrs. *Cooke*.

With our old Plays, as with dull Wife it fares,
To whom you have been marry'd tedious years.
You Cry —— She's wondrous good, it is confeſs'd,
But ſtill 'tis Chapon Bouillé *at the beſt;*
That conſtant Diſh can never make a Feaſt:
Yet the pall'd Pleaſure you muſt ſtill purſue,
You give ſo ſmall incouragement for new;
And who won'd drudge for ſuch a wretched Age?
Who want the Bravery, to ſupport one Stage.
The wiſer Wits have now new Meaſures ſet,
And taken up new Trades, that they may hate,
No more your nice fantaſtick pleaſures ſerve,
Your Pimps you pay, but let your Poets ſtarve.
They long in vain, for better Uſage hop'd,
Till quite undone and tir'd, they dropt and dropt;
Not one is left will write for thin third day,
Like deſperate Pickeroons, no Prize no Pay;
And when they've done their beſt, the Recompence,
Is, Dam the Sot, his Play wants common Senſe.
Ill natur'd wits, who can ſo ill requite
The Drudging Slaves, who for your Pleaſure write.
Look back on flouriſhing Rome, *ye proud Ingrates,*
And ſee how ſhe her thriving Poets treats:
Wiſely ſhe priz'd 'em at the nobleſt Rate,
As neceſſary Miniſters of State,
And contributions rais'd to make 'em great.
They from the publick Bank ſhe did maintain,
And freed from want, they only writ for Fame;
Authors were as uſeful in a City held,
As formidable Armies in the Field.
They but a Conqueſt over Men purſu'd,
While theſe by gentler force the Soul ſubdu'd.
Not Rome *in all her happieſt Pomp cou'd ſhow*
A greater Cæſar *than we boaſt of now;*
Auguſtus *Reigns, but Poets ſtill are low.*
May Cæſar *live, and while his Mighty Hand*
Is Scattering Plenty over all the Land;
With God-like Bounty recompencing all,
Some fruitful drops may on the Muſes fall;
Since honeſt Pens do his juſt cauſe afford
Equal Advantage with the uſeful Sword.

FINIS.